

COMMENT OF THE DAY

Squatter Fires

POSSIBLY only a few people will be surprised by the preliminary findings of the Police into last week's two fires at the Tai Po Road Village that they were started deliberately. For there is a growing body of opinion in the Colony—in spite of the explanations of the causes of other recent fires—that as long as the Social Welfare Office continues to distribute free meals and bedding and other amenities to the victims, and as long as public funds are organised to relieve their distress, the squatter village fires will continue. Or, to put it another way, that distribution of aid and comforts to the afflicted only tends to encourage arson. The argument is that in the long run, many of the squatters are not much worse off for the loss of their flimsy houses and poultry possessions and that with a claim to the public sympathy and philanthropy, they face the possibility of a better and brighter future than if they continued their mean existence in a squatter village.

THE danger in this thinking lies in the inference to be drawn from it that the fires would stop if Social Welfare aid were suddenly cut off. But only a very few would go to the extreme of advocating such a policy for quite apart from being a harsh, inhuman and rather brutal measure (without necessarily being a corrective) it would, even where arson was proved, constitute a flagrant discrimination against the majority of innocent sufferers which could not be justified. There is another consideration: it would amount to gross presumption to pre-empt the cause of every fire for the Police statement on Saturday pointed out that five of the six big fires in the last year were started accidentally. Irrespective of the causes of the fires, however, Government and the public have an obligation—dictated by our own code of civilisation if by nothing else—to give comfort and succour to the thousands who are made homeless and destitute by these fires. Their miserable plight cannot—with any conscience—be ignored.

THE Police statement on Saturday referred to "malicious rumours" circulating that all the recent catastrophic fires in the Colony were deliberately started. There is also, as we have pointed out, a good deal of cynical and careless thinking by the general public on this question and therefore the authorities do well to give prominence to the findings of the investigators of these disasters. The Police and the Fire Brigade have done much in recent months to limit wholesale destruction by fire in these crowded communities by the construction of fire lanes, the provision of readily accessible equipment in many areas which can be used to combat the initial outbreaks, as well as by increased vigilance and education of the public on fire danger. The risk of widespread conflagrations has as a result, been considerably reduced and with it, the chances of the arsonist to operate without detection. However where arson is proved, the investigators deserve the maximum penalties. For only by vigorous prosecution of the guilty can the authorities hope to discourage this contemptible crime.

NEW U.S. PROTEST TO CHINA LIKELY

But No Naval Blockade Of Mainland Planned
PUBLIC ANGER STILL RUNNING HIGH

Washington, Nov. 28. State Department officials said today that the United States was not yet considering such a drastic step as a naval blockade of China over the sentencing of 13 Americans for alleged spying.

The Peking Government earlier today rejected a United States demand for release of the Americans sentenced to prison terms ranging from four years to life on what the United States Government described in its protest as "trumped up charges."

Public anger against China continued to run high through the United States and Senator William Knowland, the Republican Senate leader, at a special press conference yesterday called for blockade of China until the Americans were released.

One State Department official said "To my knowledge, the possibility of a blockade of China is not being seriously considered among the chiefs of our Department."

Authoritative sources predicted that the United States would continue heavy diplomatic pressure on President Eisenhower to promise the families of 13 in personal telegrams to bring about their release.

The next two possible steps generally predicted here were:

● A new and even more drastic protest note directed to the Peking Government condemning China for its peremptory dismissal of the American protest.

● And a call on the United Nations to condemn China for its action.

It was not known how a direct approach would be made for it was expected to be through the Consuls in Switzerland. The last American protest and the reply were transmitted through British diplomats. But it was reported nothing definite would be decided until Mr. John Foster Dulles, Secretary of State, emerged from Duck Island tomorrow afternoon.

DULLES ON HOLIDAY

Mr. Dulles has been on his isolated holiday retreat since last Wednesday working on a major policy speech to be delivered in Chicago tomorrow night.

High ranking officials today were preparing a special report for Mr. Dulles on the exchanges over the sentencing of the 13 Americans and it was expected that Mr. Dulles would plan the next American action in the light of these reports.—Reuter.

London Note Sent Back

London, Nov. 28. The Chinese Charge d'Affaires in London, Mr. Huan Hsiang, tonight returned by messenger a United States protest note sent to him on Friday by the Foreign Office.

The protest, over the sentencing of 13 American airmen on espionage charges, was sent to the Chinese Charge d'Affaires by the Foreign Office for transmission to Peking.

A similar one was handed over by the British Charge d'Affaires in Peking.

A Foreign Office spokesman said tonight the State Department in Washington had been informed by the British Embassy of Communist China's refusal to receive protest notes either in Peking or London.—Reuter.

Australia Declares At 601

Brisbane, Nov. 29. The M.C.C., chasing Australia's huge score of 601, made a disastrous start in the first test this morning when both Len Hutton and Reg Simpson were dismissed with the score-board registering only 10.

England's captain, playing hesitantly to a ball from Lindwall, was caught by Archer behind the wicket after making only 4, and then Simpson was clean bowled by Miller in the next over with only two to his credit.

The wickets fell at 4 and 10.

ROT CONTINUED

Edrich joined Simpson and immediately opened his score by sending a full tosser to the fence.

The rot continued as, with only 11 on the board, Lindwall clean bowled Peter May for one. Lindwall and Miller, the Australian opening bowlers, were in deadly form.

Edrich who was batting nervously, tried to hook a ball off Archer and was beautifully caught by Lindwall behind the wicket for 15 runs.

Now Cowdrey and Bailey are trying very desperately to stop the Australian attack. Both played cautiously to the attack off Lindwall and Archer.

LOWEST SCORE: 45

Records available showed that the lowest score that England made against Australia was in the year 1886-7 at Sydney. They were all out for 45. The first four wickets of England fell within the first hour.

It is the hottest day of the three days' play and the temperature is well over 80 and the crowd is a bit smaller than the previous day.

When play resumed this morning Benaud and Lindwall, the overnight Australian match batsmen, went for the bowling from the start and they took 14 runs off the first two overs—one each from Tyson and Statham, England's opening bowlers.

After the first three overs they had added 24 runs to bring Australia's overnight score of 503 to 527 for six, with Benaud, 24 and Lindwall, 41.

TYSON'S WICKET

Tyson struck the first blow for England when, with the first ball of his third over, he had Benaud caught at cover point by May.

Benaud's contribution was 34, including a glorious six off Statham just before he was dismissed.

The wicket fell at 45.

Gill Langley opened his score by sending the first ball to him from Tyson to the boundary.

BATSMEN'S PARADISE

Lindwall reached his half century with a crisp four to the fence.

Bevan: I'm Not A Communist

London, Nov. 28. Mr. Bevan told the Oxford University Labour Club tonight: "It is not sensible to describe me as a Communist, and I am not a fellow traveller. I have never been a member of the Communist Party. 'I seriously suggest, however, that there are some of our comrades in the Labour movement who have become almost pathological about the Soviet Union.'"

Mr. Bevan said they had almost reached the stage where they substituted the Soviet Union for their own political enemy and found it more agreeable to be on good terms with the Conservatives than to try and be on good terms with Communists of other nations.—Reuter.

Big Typhoon Threatens Philippines

Manila, Nov. 29.

A typhoon warning was issued by the weather bureau forecasting centre this morning as typhoon "Tilda" with 170 miles an hour winds threatened the eastern part of Samar province.

The typhoon warning was issued for eastern Visayas, southern Luzon and northern Mindanao. A notice was also issued for central Luzon and West of Visayas and Mindanao.

At 2 a.m. today typhoon Tilda was located 280 miles East of Samar with maximum winds of 170 miles per hour near the centre. It was expected to move West at 20 miles per hour within the next six hours gradually slowing down to 14 miles per hour later.

STRONG WINDS EXPECTED

Early this afternoon the typhoon was forecast to be 80 miles East of Samar and by tonight it was expected to be over the eastern part of the province.

Eastern Visayas, southern Luzon, and northern Mindanao will experience strong winds and moderate rains by noon today gradually worsening later in the afternoon.

In the affected areas were warned to take precautions.—United Press.

KILLED 2 HUSBANDS WITH RAT POISON

Woman Held By U.S. Police

Tulsa, Oklahoma, Nov. 28.

A plump, chatty grandmother set off investigations of nine deaths today with the admission that she killed two of her seven husbands by putting rat poison in their coffee.

The cases under investigation involved the deaths of three other husbands, her mother, two sisters, two daughters and a step-grandson.

Mrs. Nannie Doss, 49, confessed she poisoned Husband No. 7 and one tentatively listed by the police as No. 4. She said she killed one of them in Kansas but preferred to confess in Oklahoma because she felt she was "among friends" here, according to the Police.

The County Attorney, Howard Edmanson, ordered her held without bail pending filing of murder charges tomorrow.

GOT ON MY NERVES

Mrs. Doss admitted after 24 hours of questioning that she poisoned Sam Doss, 58, her seventh husband, four months after their "Lonely Hearts" mail order marriage, because "he got on my nerves".

Police quoted her as saying she first dumped a "big dose" of poison on a dish of prunes consumed by Doss. He spent 23 days in a hospital and the day after he arrived home she put two spoons of rat poison in his coffee, the Police said. He died two days later.

Later, Mrs. Doss admitted she poisoned Richard Morton, Sr., 63, because he ran around with other women. She said she found a receipt for some rings he had bought and became so jealous she put a dose, and a half-inch portion of rat poison in his coffee.—United Press.

BAVARIAN VOTING

In neighbouring Bavaria, where Dr. Adenauer's Party is called the Christian Socialists, the Chancellor's supporters were piling up an imposing lead that seemed to ensure a victory.

Early returns from Bavaria gave Dr. Adenauer's Party 236,023 votes, or 43.4 per cent, compared with 186,218 votes, or 28.5 per cent for the Opposition Socialists.—Reuter and United Press.

BEVAN'S TRIBUTE TO CHURCHILL

Most Extraordinary Creature

London, Nov. 28. Mr. Aneurin Bevan, left-wing Labour leader and long-time critic of Sir Winston Churchill, had this to say tonight of the British Prime Minister: "I have admired him all my life—a most extraordinary creature."

In a brief reference to the celebrations planned to mark Sir Winston's 80th birthday on Tuesday, Mr. Bevan said: "We are about to perform one of the most extraordinary ceremonies in the history of British politics. We are going to present Sir Winston with a signed book in which we have all expressed our admiration for his qualities."

More than 150,000 people have contributed to the Fund and letters are still coming in.

PURPOSE OF GIFT

Dozens of presents received by the Fund's organisers have been passed direct to Sir Winston. Lord Moynihan said when the fund campaign began Sir Winston had agreed to "give his opinion" about suggestions as to what form the presentation should take.

After stating that he had admired Britain's famed wartime leader all his life, Mr. Bevan added later in his speech: "Churchill is 18th century. He is a man of very great virtues, but he is dated."

Of the Conservative Party, which Sir Winston leads, Mr. Bevan said: "I do not like the Tories as political entities. I know a good many individual

should take. In other words, what should be done with the money. It is probable the money will be used either for Sir Winston's favourite charity or to establish a permanent fund for some humanitarian purpose.

Many people have written in with suggestions ranging from establishment of an international rescue squad for disasters throughout the world, to a fund to aid old people in Sir Winston's name.

Eleven Roubles Mystery

Eleven Russian roubles—the first contribution in iron curtain currency—have been sent to the Churchill Birthday Presentation fund.

None of the fund's organisers knows where they came from. Worth about 18 shillings, the roubles were placed with other contributions. Later a check through all the day's mail was made to try to trace the sender, but nothing was found.

"We think that the money was either posted in London or the Continent," an official said today. "We could find no envelope bearing a behind-the-iron-curtain postmark."

ONE MARK

A 12-year old German school-boy has contributed one German mark, together with a note which says: "This is only one German mark, but I send it gladly with best wishes for a very happy birthday."

One gift, it was explained, was made up of 29,220 farthings—the smallest British coin, worth a quarter of a penny—one for each day of Sir Winston's life.—All agencies.

NEW CHARGES

Senator Bennett had announced earlier that he would file the new count because of McCarthy's criticism of the censure session as a "lynch party," and his descriptions of Watkins as cowardly.

McCarthy, who left the hospital with his wife, Jean, carried his right arm in a sling inside the coat of his blue serge suit. He said he was feeling "very well" although his elbow still hurt him.—United Press & France Presse.

NO FILIBUSTER PLANS

Senator McCarthy, who almost closed reporters by leaving the Bethesda, Maryland, Hospital, through a "fire exit," denied he would try to "filibuster" the censure resolution to death.

Simultaneously, Senator Wallace F. Bennett said he will go ahead with his plan to introduce a new censure charge against Senator McCarthy tomorrow for his treatment of the Senate and its special Watkins Censure Committee.

Senator Bennett will introduce an amendment to the pending censure resolution charging that McCarthy tended to bring the Senate into "dishonour and disrepute" and to "obstruct" its constitutional processes with his attacks on the committee and its chairman, Senator Arthur Watkins.

McCARTHY LEAVES HOSPITAL

Washington, Nov. 28. Senator Joseph McCarthy of Wisconsin today left the clinic where he had been undergoing treatment since November 17.

The Senate debate on the motion of censure on Senator McCarthy will be resumed tomorrow. It was interrupted when he entered the clinic. McCarthy has announced his intention of being present.

He said he felt "very well" when he left hospital.

Famous Conductor Taken Ill

Berlin, Nov. 28. Dr. Wilhelm Furtwaengler, famous German conductor, is seriously ill with pneumonia, his doctors said here tonight.

He is 68. Dr. Furtwaengler, who has given numerous guest performances abroad, is Conductor-in-Chief for life of the Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra. He is also Conductor-in-Chief of the Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra.—Reuter.

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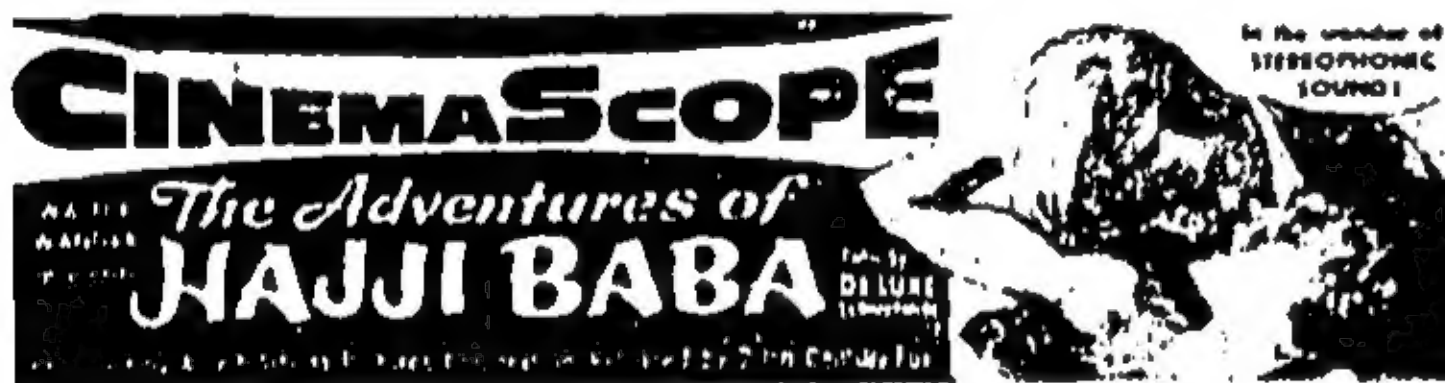
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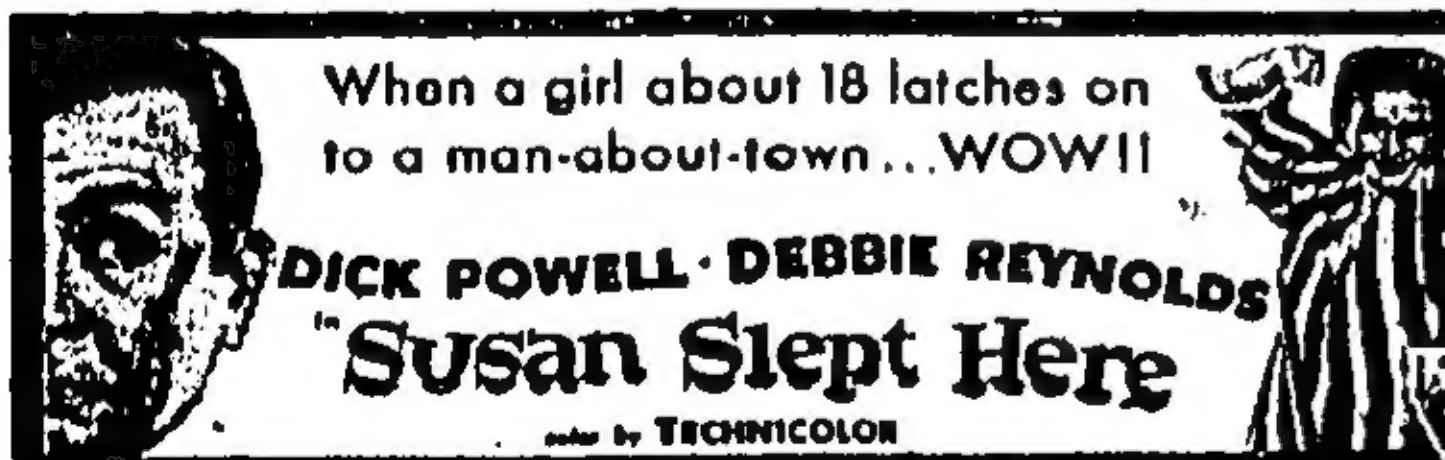
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DEMAND FOR NEW STATE

Secessionists Muster Strong Support In Northern N.S.W. EMBLEM CHOSEN

Sydney, Nov. 29.

Secessionists in northern New South Wales, who can muster a surprisingly strong support in the district's 680,000 people, are calling for the formation of their own state, an Australian New England.

They have chosen their own emblem, a golden lion rampant brandishing a sword, and in December, will hold a convention which will choose a "shadow" Parliament. This could be the government of the new State—if the secessionist plans are realised.

The secessionist movement has drawn attention to the new State movement in Australia which maintains that the present six Australian states are too big and unwieldy to fulfil their proper purpose in the Australian form of Federal Government.

LOCAL INTERESTS

Supporters maintain that smaller States and more of them would ensure that local issues were decided locally and local interests were more effectively guarded.

The New England State plans call for the southern boundary to start from the eastern seaboard at the small fruit-growing town of Gosford only 56 miles south of the present State capital, Sydney. The boundary then runs northwest in an irregular line to a point north of the inland centre of Bourke.

The northern boundary would be the Queensland border. This area is one of the richest parts of New South Wales and consists of two complementary regions: the five northern rivers and the high New England plateau.

The northern rivers, fertile valley with a warm moist climate, have rich dairying, fruit-growing and sugar-cane lands. The New England plateau is further inland and is drier, but has rich pastoral holdings. In winter, snow often blankets the high pastures but in summer, the climate is nearer and nearer the English summer than the harsh Australian season.

Queen Elizabeth saw a dramatic demonstration of how the fortunes of the two districts are linked. During her tour of

Australia, she flew over the aftermath of the disastrous summer floods which hit the northern rivers towns.

FLOOD CONTROL

These rivers rise in the New England highlands and local townspeople and farmers say that a proper system of flood control means integration of work in both regions.

The main claim of the secessionists is that the New South Wales Parliament, in Sydney, ignores the claims of outlying areas to a "fair" share of the State revenues.

They point to the number of public works round the city of Sydney compared with the works carried out in their territory. No attempt, they say, has been made to develop a port in the New England and northern rivers district. There are no railway lines direct from the natural harbours on the coast to serve inland areas and, indeed, no good connecting roads.

These views make a strong appeal to regional sentiment and this is reflected in a recent unofficial referendum carried out at the time of the last local body elections.

Seventy-seven per cent of the voters favoured a new State.

PROSPEROUS TOWNS

Regional interests find expression in commercial and cultural undertakings like local airlines, which serve the prosperous country towns in northern New South Wales, and the University of New England, at Armidale.

The University and an associated Teachers' Training College have made Armidale an important Australian cultural centre.

Local residents maintain that Government agencies should follow these leads and establish regional offices to take care of New England, instead of centralising work in Sydney.

Although the New England project is a strong local issue and has tremendous support, it is unlikely that it will become a separate State, at least for a long time.

Separation of New England would deprive the New South Wales State Government of one of its best sources of revenue—and the New South Wales Parliament must approve any separation of territory for new States under the Constitution.

Opposition from other State governments blocks similar projects in other parts of Australia.

Northern New South Wales would like to see their State, the biggest in the Commonwealth, split. There is also strong support for a separate North Queensland State based on Townsville, 1,000 miles north of Brisbane, as capital.

VAGUE WISH

South New South Wales as a whole shows a vague wish to become a new stage of "Eden".

Achievement of any of these aspirations is unlikely unless there is a general wish throughout Australia to remodel the pattern of the country.—Reuters.



The Prime Minister of India, Pandit Nehru, seen being greeted by his grandchildren, on his 65th birthday earlier this month.—Express Photo.

Soekarno Identifies Himself With Communists

Boston, Mass., Nov. 28.

The influential independent Boston newspaper, The Christian Science Monitor, has published a front page article on Indonesia headed, "President of Indonesia Helps Communists."

The article said: "President Soekarno of the Republic of Indonesia apparently has identified himself openly with the Communists in the continued polarisation here into Islamic and Communist camps."

"The President," continued the article, "the most powerful figure in the country, has thus taken a step of great and grave importance for the future."

The Christian Science Monitor went on to recite chapter and verse of the President's pronouncements on various occasions when he kept advising a step of great and grave importance for the future.

The writer of the article said that Soekarno's remarks did not "necessarily mean" he is pro-Communist, nor that the Communists in Indonesia "who wildly support him" are pro-Soekarno.

But the fact remains, went on the article, that "they have been driven together in facing what they regard as a common foe, principally Islam."

The conclusion drawn by the writer was that Soekarno's mixed power as a Nationalist and Constitutional President would be seriously curtailed if the Islamic parties gained the upper hand in the forthcoming elections, "providing free elections are held," and that

Soekarno was also afraid that any markedly Islamic state would lead to the disintegration of the Republic.—France-Press.

The Comrade Was Surprised

Moscow, Nov. 29.

A senior Russian civil servant who queued for four hours to see another senior civil servant has written to Pravda, the Soviet party newspaper, to condemn "bureaucratic obstacles."

P. Bezhenov, departmental chief of the Orel Regional Department of Agriculture, wrote of his fruitless 200-mile journey to Moscow and his attempt to get a document approved by a certain official of the Ministry of the Building Materials Industry.

After four days of frustrating interviews with underlings, Bezhenov tried again to get an admission pass to see the deputy chief of the department concerned.

"For four hours, I telephoned in order to receive a pass. I waited for admission for more than four hours. Finally my turn came. I went into the office. But Comrade... did not even stop to listen to me. He reproached me for... taking up his time for no good reason." Bezhenov went back on the fifth day with a similar result. "I did not imagine such a bureaucratic system existed," he complained. Pravda made no comment.—Reuters.

ITALIAN GIRL CHANGES SEX

Genoa, Nov. 28.

A 21-year-old Italian girl from Genoa, near Genoa, has been registered as a man following a sex-change operation. It was reported here today.

The girl, Ambrosina Pisoli, a farmer's daughter, has been registered at the local town hall as Ambrogio, although "she" still has to undergo a final operation in the next few days. Ambrogio is a six-footer and unusually strong even for a man.—France-Press.

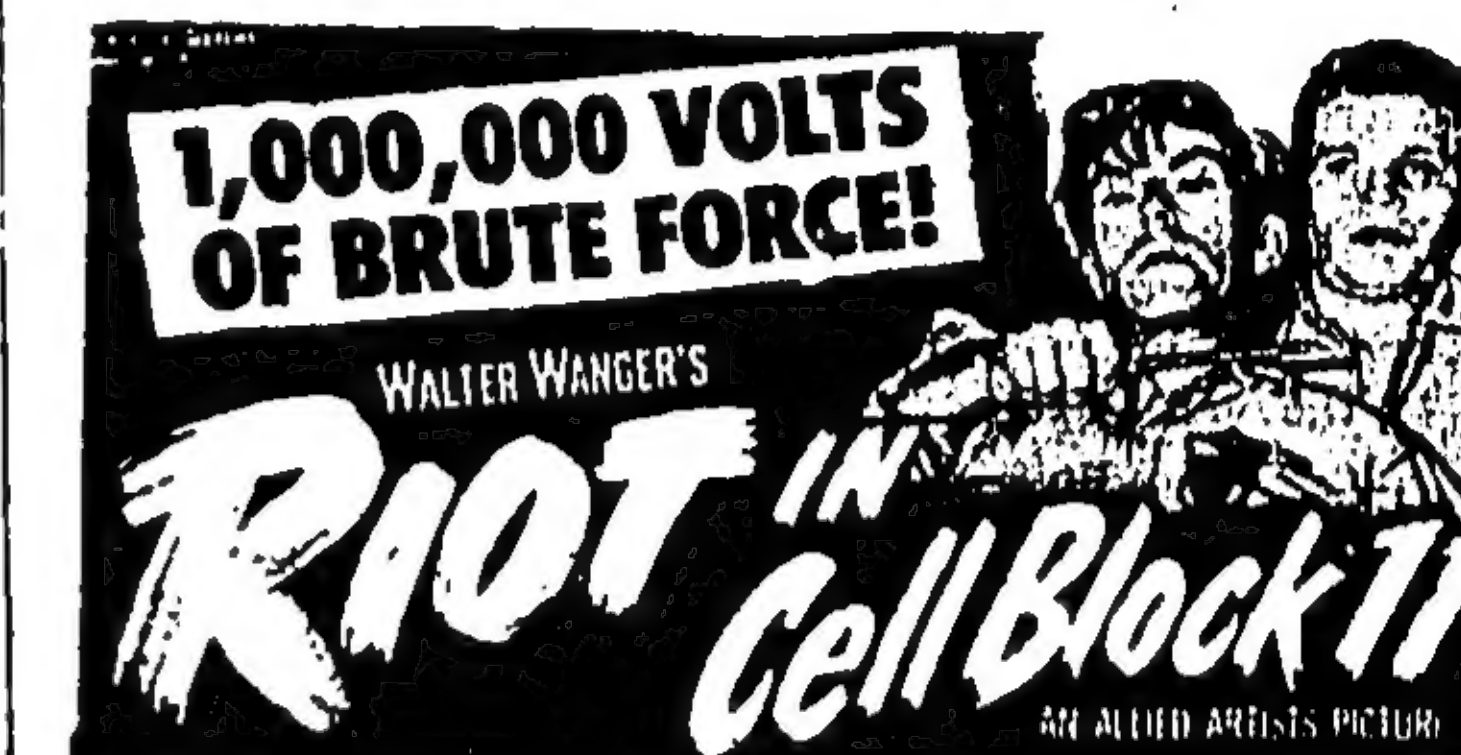
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EUROPE'S NEED FOR UNITY

Preparing
For Tomorrow

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**PROTEST
OVER
ROYAL FILM**

Birmingham, Nov. 28.
Leaders of the 30,000-strong National Association of Theatrical and Kine Employees last night called for the resignation of the committee which selects films for Royal Film shows.

This move came at the end of a week of criticism over the showing of the American made Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer film "Beau Brummel" before the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh on a fortnight ago.

It showed one of the Queen's ancestors—King George III—going mad and dashing along the corridors of Windsor Castle with his hair standing on end.

NOT AMUSED
The Daily Express reported last Saturday that the Queen "was not amused" by the film, and the Duke of Edinburgh was "flabbergasted" at the choice.

The film was chosen by a committee of the Cinematograph Trade Benevolent Fund, made up mainly of film men.

"Beau Brummel" raised about £28,000 for charity.

Mr Reginald Bromhead, the Fund's president, said on Saturday that "new ways" would be considered of selecting programmes for the annual Royal show.—China Mail Special.



SIR OLIVER FRANKS

'American Appraisal Right And Britain Wrong'

FORMER AMBASSADOR
STATES HIS VIEWS

London, Nov. 29.

Sir Oliver Franks, British Ambassador in Washington from 1948 to 1952, said here last night that the American appraisal of postwar Western Europe—the need for unity—was right and that of Britain wrong.

The great majority of Britons, he added, were uninterested in what had happened in Europe since the end of the second world war and could not care less.

There was no subject of first-class importance to Britain on which they have thought less, he said.

Of the Americans, Sir Oliver Franks said:
"I do not mean that they have been wise in all that they have done or always been well advised in their methods."

RIGHT IN ESSENTIALS
"But they have been right in the essentials—in their perception that the pattern of sovereign nation states no longer fits European needs."

"They have been right in believing that life in Western Europe is not static but in phase of radical change."

"They were not misled in their instinctive feeling of support for the idea of unity."

It was a remarkable fact, he added, that America has looked on the attainment of European unity as one of the great objectives of her postwar diplomacy.

Sir Oliver Franks was speaking in the fourth of a series of six lectures given annually to commemorate Lord Reith, the B.B.C.'s first Director-General.

The life and security of Britain, he continued, were not independent of Western Europe.

"They cannot be decided separately from the fate of Western Europe. We are positively involved together."

"Together we sink or swim," he said.

"Our attitude to Western Europe should be based on this hard fact."

"We should look around for ways of giving effect to it."

COUNTRY MEMBERSHIP

"I think it means neither joining a Western European Union nor rejecting it; but taking out what I shall call a country membership."

"We pay our subscription and take on our obligations, but not the full subscription nor all the obligations of the regular members of our Continental neighbour."

He thought August 10, 1952, was likely to be regarded by historians as the most important date in the postwar decade of Western Europe—the day the Schuman Plan for a coal and steel community became a reality.

"I am amazed whenever I contemplate the Schuman Plan. If it were simply an attempt to get rid of restrictions and limitations in the coal and steel industries of the Ruhr, Lorraine and the Saar, it would be a large and bold enterprise."

"But the essential purpose of the Coal and Steel Community is avowedly political."

FRONTAL ATTACK

"It is an instalment of political union: a frontal attack on the ancient hostility of France and Germany; a limited but real pooling of sovereignty by six nations in a high authority charged with the creation of one great common market."

"That is what makes the Schuman Plan the expression of a great hope; it offers a different future," he added.—Reuter.

GERMAN RED ARRESTED

Berlin, Nov. 28.
West Berlin police today detained Ernst Redmann, one of the 60 Communist candidates for the city elections taking place next Sunday.

Redmann was detained with 26 Communist campaigners on grounds that they prepared lists of names and addresses of West Berliners who rejected Communist propaganda. About 150 Communists have been detained over the past fortnight for similar reasons.

The Communists are contesting the West Berlin elections for the first time since 1948.—Reuter.



With the Household Cavalry escort drawn up in foreground, a Royal carriage leaves the Victoria Tower of the Houses of Parliament on the return journey to Buckingham Palace as part of the rehearsal of the State opening of Parliament. The actual ceremony will occur tomorrow.—Reuterphoto.

'Mr. X' Still Unnamed After World Inquiry

NOW HE SITS UP AND TAKES INTEREST

New York, Nov. 28.

Recent world-wide publicity has failed to identify the patient known as Mr X, who, for nine years, has lain unnamed and partly paralysed in a Boston hospital.

Most Burgled Street In U.K.

Manchester, Nov. 28.
Nervous shopkeepers in Oxford Road here have barricaded their back entrances against gangs of burglars saying their street is the most burgled in England.

Insurance firms have refused to renew policies unless extra precautions are taken.

One shopkeeper piled barbed wire around the rear of his premises. Another bricked up his back door. Heavy sewing machines have been bolted down in the windows of another shop.

But hardly a week passes without a raid. Police said they were keeping "close watch" on the street.—China Mail Special.

Queen Mother Ambassador Of Goodwill

London, Nov. 28.
The Sunday Times today described Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother as the best possible ambassador of goodwill and friendship to the United States.

This newspaper said: "There could not be, if we ranged the land, a better ambassador of goodwill and friendship from this country to the United States."

"Her Majesty's power to win all sorts and conditions of men and women is no trick of manners or regal artifice but springs from deep qualities of sympathy, humour and inner tranquillity, and these are as truly and readily appreciated on the one side of the Atlantic as on the other."

"Once again the nation is in debt to the Royal Family for a service which spreads far beyond this realm."—China Mail Special.

The general view is that he is a British seaman, and that he reached the United States after his ship had been torpedoed in the Atlantic during the war. But the British Foreign Office and the Admiralty can find no record of him.

The latest attempts to identify him have had one good result. They have awakened Mr X's interest in his own life.

He has begun to read newspaper accounts about himself and he now sits up and is slowly regaining his speech.

When the Boston Post offered a reward for information leading to his identity, Mr X said: "I wish I could win the reward myself. I'd go out and buy myself a few beers." (He has been an enforced teetotaler for the past nine years because of hospital rules.)

ON A DIET
His appetite is so good these days that hospital doctors have put him on a diet to bring down his weight.

There are many clues that indicate Mr X is a Briton. He is bored by television programmes of baseball games, but likes watching football, although he does not completely approve of the American-style game.

He can quote lines from Milton, Shakespeare, Thackeray and Dickens, and he has an unusual knowledge of the Napoleonic era.

Doctors believe that if Mr X's identity could be definitely established he would probably be able to walk again and lead a practically normal life. They do not think he is trying to conceal his real name.

Since he entered the hospital Mr X has cost the U.S. State Health Department \$70,000 (about £23,000), but orders have been given that he can stay there as long as he needs help.

—(London Express Service)

Tokyo, Nov. 28.
American actress Ava Gardner arrived in Tokyo tonight by air for a five-day visit.

During her stay she will make personal appearances at the cinema and meet some of her fans.

She is scheduled to leave Tokyo on December 2, by air for Europe where she will continue her publicity tour.—Reuter.

LONELY HEARTS CONGRESS

LETTERS
FROM
LOVE-LORN

Ile of Capri, Nov. 28.

A pile of almost a thousand letters lay forlornly on a table on this honeymoon island today—from lonely people the world over who are unable to attend Capri's first "lonely hearts" congress.

The letter writers asked hopefully for a husband, a wife or merely a pen-friend.

Many bachelors, inspired by the romanticism of the Capri congress which opened yesterday, sent love poems to the unknown spinsters they would have liked to meet.

American soldiers wrote from Germany, students from Spain, women from Hamburg, Madrid, Lisbon, France and Auckland, New Zealand. Most of the letters, however, came from Italians.

A young man wrote from Caracas, Portugal: "Dear lonely hearts, I shall be glad to receive you here and show you all the beautiful places."

Addressed to "Dear Unknown People" came a letter from "Helma" of Vienna, who wanted a pen-friend.

AMERICAN WANTED
"I am thinking of an American, aged 28 to 30, tall, slim and first of all a mature character," she wrote.

"I would like to have the opportunity of meeting a gentleman around 40 with the same interests as myself—music, gardening, home life, who is sincere and of happy disposition," an Auckland woman wrote.

"But I cannot travel to Capri, so I shall have to stay right here in New Zealand. Wish I was in Capri."

The lonely hearts congress itself continued today with much drinking of cocktails and throwing of parties.—China Mail Special.

Call-Girl Business In Singapore

Singapore, Nov. 28.

The invasion of call-girl racketeers into the Singapore port area is exposed today by the shipping reporter of a local paper, Bernard Williams.

Revealing this racket in a front-page article of the Sunday Standard, Williams said that Chinese, Eurasian and European women are involved in this racket masterminded by kingpins of the Singapore underworld.

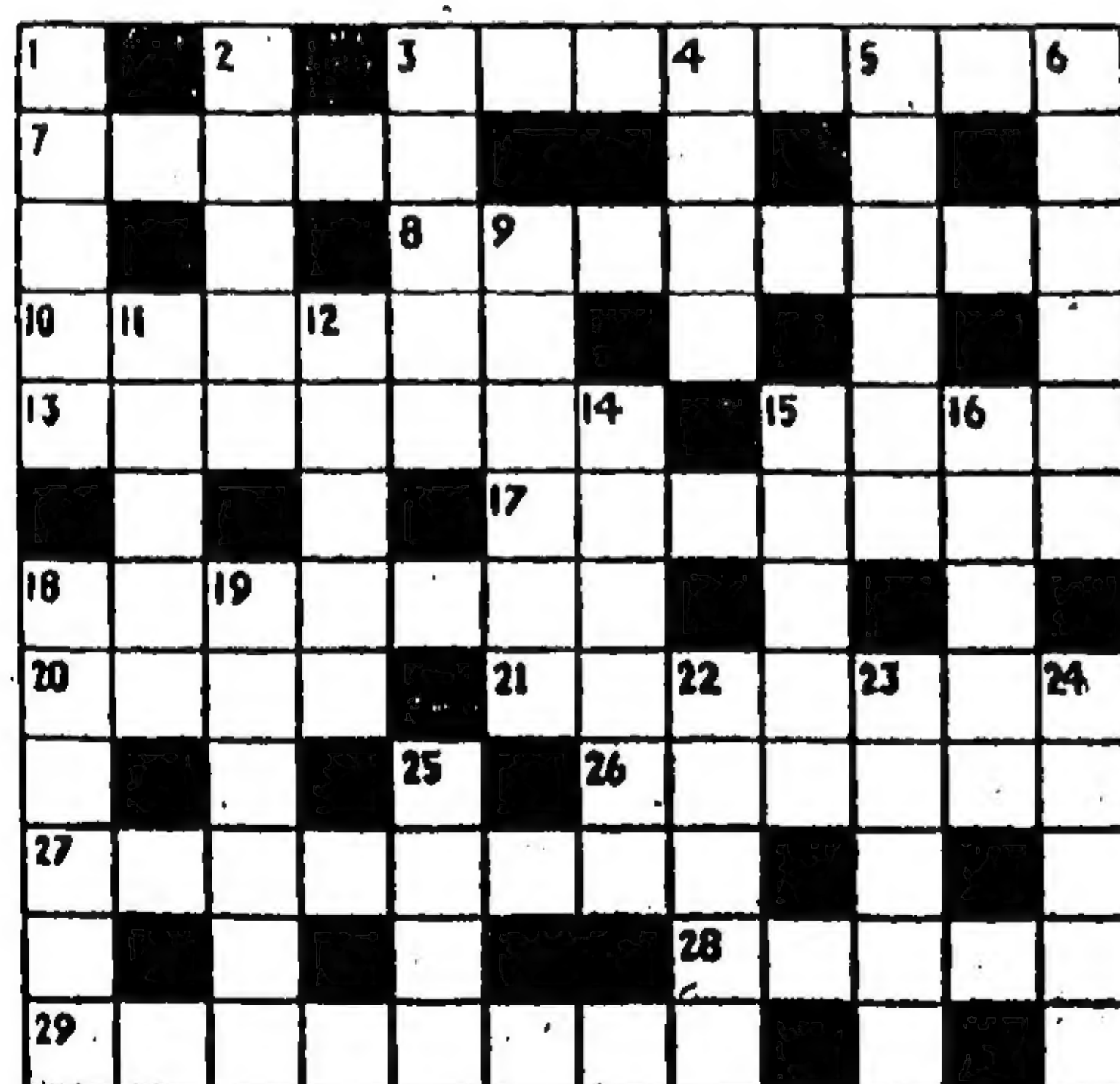
The Standard reporter said the racketeers send their decoys mostly to incoming ocean liners as bona fide visitors. These decoys, mostly women, make contact with officers and crew members and leave telephone numbers and meeting places in the city. Unattached male passengers are also "served" in a like manner.

STAY BEHIND

The decoys make it a point of meeting the ship's arrivals so as to make it look like they are meeting passengers. They usually stay behind until they have covered the entire field before leaving the ship or until they get sufficient "business" expected by their employers.

Williams said that some of these decoys also act as contacts for drug smugglers or as couriers for illegal importation of goods, especially diamonds. These female decoys are usually expensive, he added, to avoid suspicion, the article said.—United Press.

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS
3 Fuddled (8).
7 Jollification (colloq.) (5).
8 Moves from one place to another (8).
10 Tension (6).
13 Small portion (7).
16 Brand (4).
17 Honour (7).
20 Top (4).
21 One who slumbers (7).
22 Disinclined (6).
23 Opening (5).
26 Nominated (5).
29 Overcome (6).

DOWN
1 Bottomless gulf (5).
2 Landowner (6).
3 Doll (5).
4 Nobleman (4).
5 Seat (6).
6 Wilderness (6).
9 Gardens (6).
11 Bun helmet (6).
12 Ventilated (6).
14 Fruit (6).
15 Lively frolic (6).
16 Sufferer continuous pain (6).
18 Clippers (6).
19 Life's work (6).
22 Happening (6).
23 First-rate (6).
24 Prepared (6).
25 German Christian name (4).

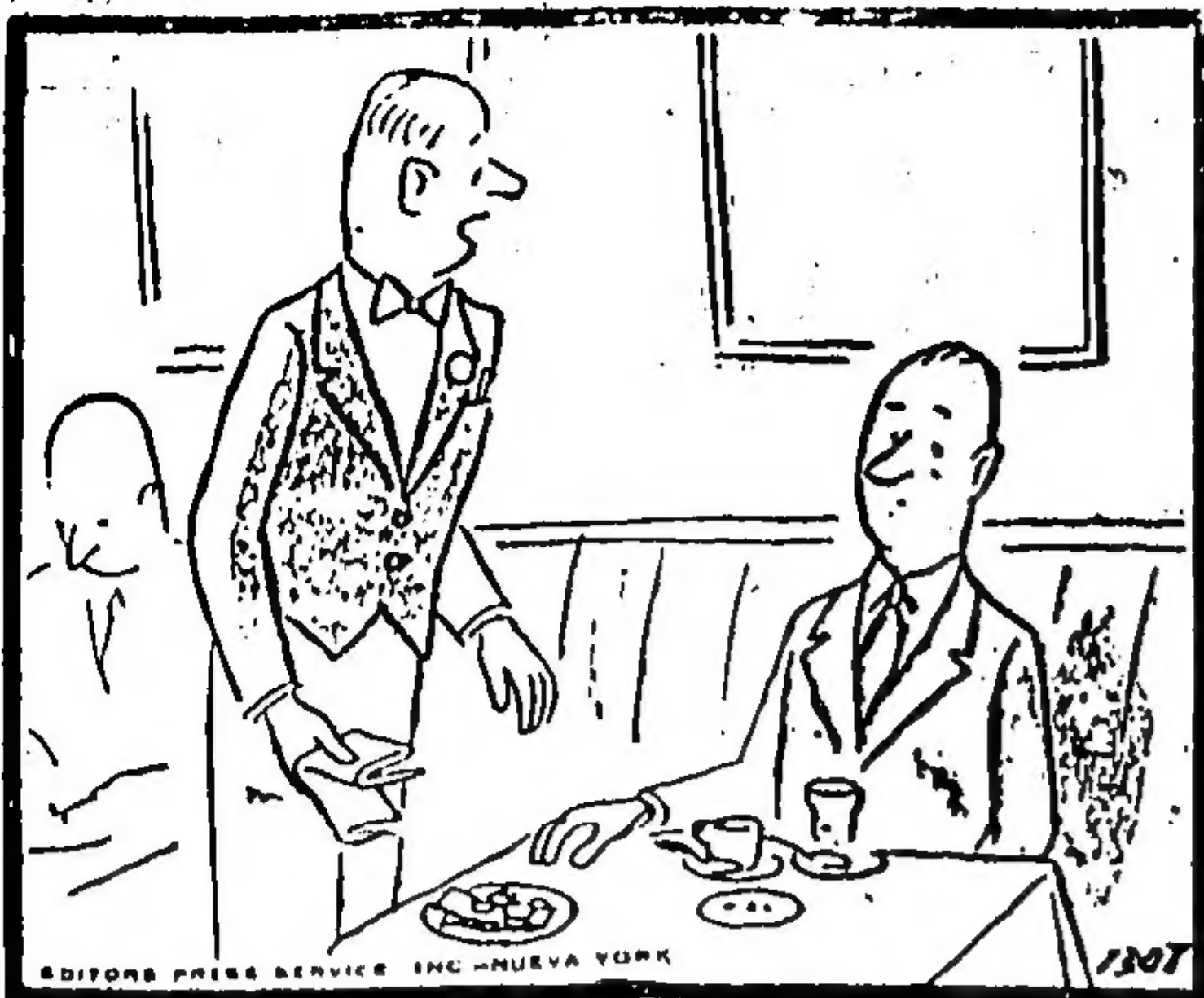
SATURDAY'S CROSSWORD—Across 1 Copied, 5 Sense, 8 Tepid, 9 Strain, 10 Minor, 11 Audit, 12 Tie, 13 Loose, 16 Remark, 18 Leader, 20 Start, 23 Clap, 25 Agent, 26 Cease, 28 Doctor, 27 Error, 28 Bands, 29 Roundly, Down 1, Cashiers, 2 Partake, 3 Eke, 4 Deduced, 5 Similar, 6 Editor, 7 Shove, 14 Skeletal, 15 Supports, 16 Rangers, 17 Monster, 18 Erased, 21 Theme, 24 To-do.

Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer



By Robert L. May





BY THE WAY

by Beachcomber

HEALTH officials have objected to cobwebs among bottles in the bar of a country inn.

They will doubtless soon turn their attention to cobwebs in wine cellars; and to the synthetic cobwebs which restaurant proprietors buy at six shillings per hundred to drap the bottles of "rare old Napoleon brandy." One go-ahead owner of a California hotel, to attract the bar patron by smearing bottles of pernicious soft drink with dust and cobwebs. What about a museum of Silbulla 1894 with your take-fritters? Or do you prefer a fine old vintage milk?

Bright prospects

THE man who killed a fly in a car window, used as a henhouse, and was given six days to pay, has now had his half-acre of land stolen by the authorities. It was discovered that not only had he not repaid the henhouse but he had failed to make a return of the number of flies in the car window. In his house as from June 23, 1953, exclusive. Further in signing his name the necessary 18 times on the form of application to be allowed to retain the half-acre he had bought, he failed to use black letters, and omitted to sign his name in red ink.

"The law is hard," said the magistrate in sentencing him to one month in prison for not repaying the henhouse. A welcome newcomer. At last the car manufacturers are making their contribution to safety on the roads. The surprise of the Show was undoubtedly the new Thalos Eight which accelerates from zero to 70 miles an hour in four seconds, and can touch 130 miles an hour. It has five push-rods, two over-drive, and valves of wrought iron. Its brakes are operated laterally, and there is a pump-tube under the fan-switch. Its nose is red.

YOUR BIRTHDAY

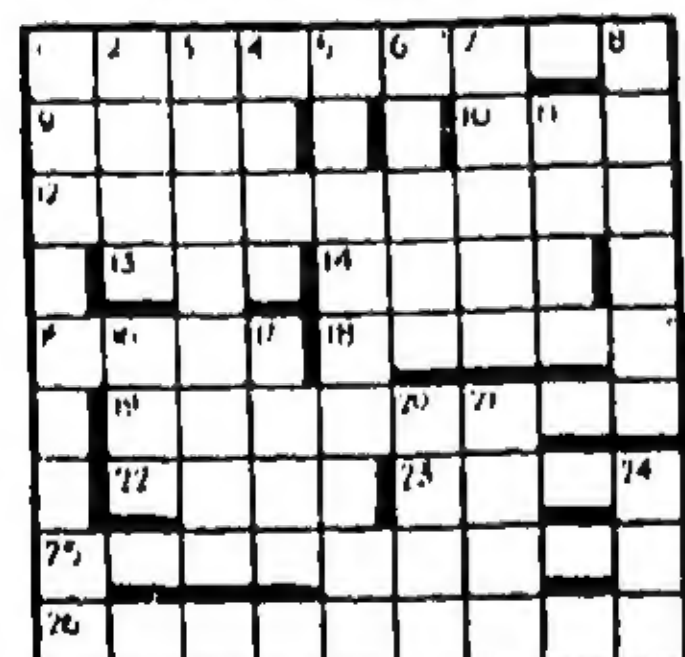
By STELLA

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 29

BORN today, you have a bright future ahead of you. You are a natural leader, and you will probably be interested in competitive outdoor sports and might even be expected to become a professional athlete. It is likely, however, that some more demanding interest will appeal to you. Your professions, law, politics and literature are three fields in which you might become eminently successful. You are also a fine orator, knowing how to give a long and argumented speech.

Fond of travelling, meeting people and seeing new places, you will be

CROSSWORD



1. Homage for harvest time? (6, 3)
2. Out of in 1927? (4)
3. Child in the red hat. (3)
4. It takes lots of furniture, but you wouldn't call it furnished. (6, 3)
5. Take 24 Down from the snotty. (3)
6. Look into this carefully. (4)
7. Now take it easy. (4)
8. A penny before it's too late. (4)
9. The old one changes it's often said. (5)
10. Vowed and lay about in disorder. (8)
11. There are always some in the bar at the racetrack. (4)
12. No more agent can't do better than reach this. (9)
13. What comes is celebrated in 2012. (8)

1. Many a film is about him. (6, 3)
2. A high degree in silver. (4)
3. It makes a name, with 5 Down in one form or another. (8)
4. A penny before it's too late. (4)
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SOLUTION TO CHECK SATURDAY'S PUZZLE

JACOBY ON BRIDGE

An Exception For Third Hand High

By OSWALD JACOBY

THE point of today's hand is very simple, but an experienced player missed it when the hand was actually played. West opened the five of hearts, and East won the first trick with the ace. This looked like the standard play, on the principle of "third hand high." Actually, East should finesse the ten of hearts at the first trick instead of winning with the ace.

After winning the first trick with the ace of hearts, East returned a low heart. Declarer, reading the situation correctly, played the six of hearts at the second trick and won in dummy with the eight.

South next entered his hand with the ace of diamonds in order to lead a trump toward dummy's king. East won with the ace of spades and led a third heart, thus giving his partner a ruff. The defenders thus took the ace of hearts, the ace of spades and one ruff, but they couldn't win another trick. Declarer therefore easily made his contract.

Now let's go back to the first trick and examine the opening lead of the five of hearts. If West happens to be leading low

NORTH		2	
♥ K 2			
♥ J 9 8 7			
♦ J 3 2			
♣ Q 1 0 5 2			
WEST	EAST		
♥ 10 8 4	♠ A 3		
♥ 5 3	♥ A Q 10 4		
♦ K 9 7 5 4	♦ Q 10 8 0		
♣ 9 7 6	♣ 8 4 3		
SOUTH (D)			
♠ Q J 9 7 6 5			
♥ K Q 2			
♦ A			
♣ A K J			
East-West vul.			
South	West	North	East
1 ♠	Pass	1 N.T.	Pass
2 ♠	Pass	3 N.T.	Pass
3 ♠	Pass	Pass	Pass
4 ♠	Pass	Pass	Pass
Opening lead—♥ 5			

from the king, it can do East no harm to play the ten of hearts at the first trick. South cannot have a singleton king of hearts, since West would not lead the five of hearts from such a holding as 6-5-3-2. It can therefore cost nothing to give up the first trick to South's king.

Note the differences in the outcome. If East plays the ten of hearts at the first trick, South wins with the king. He then leads a trump towards the dummy and East captures dummy's king with the ace of spades.

East continues by cashing the ace and queen of hearts, thus getting two natural heart tricks in addition to the ace of spades. When East finally leads his last heart, West is sure to win a trick with the ten of spades. If South ruffs low, West can over-ruff immediately; and if South ruffs high, the ten of spades will eventually be the high trump.

HOUSEHOLD HINTS

Small cocktail sausages, chopped nuts, minced meat or marmalade all make tasty stuffing for baked apples.

To cut the heavy soil or grease on clothes, add a cup of liquid household ammonia to the hot wash water in addition to the soap or synthetic detergent.

You can add new flavour to popcorn if you sprinkle the popped kernels with a little garlic salt.

They reached the middle of the field, Squire laid all the chestnuts and acorns on the ground and said: "Now we're going to dig little holes and put an acorn or chestnut in each hole."

"But, Squire," said Hanid, "how are you ever going to find them again?"

"That's very simple," said Squire. "Do you see all those little trees growing in this field?"

"Oh yes," said Hanid.

"Each one of these trees," said Squire, "has one branch that sticks out further than all the rest. Dig the holes under the very end of these longest branches."

Hanid did exactly as she was told. As soon as the holes were dug she dropped either a horse chestnut or a ripe acorn.

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White, 9 pieces.
Black, 11 pieces.

White to play. Mate in two.
Solution: 1. ♖f4! 2. ♔g6
3. ♖g4! 4. ♔f6
5. ♖g4! 6. ♔f6
7. ♖g4! 8. ♔f6
9. ♖g4! 10. ♔f6
11. ♖g4! 12. ♔f6
13. ♖g4! 14. ♔f6
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95. ♖g4! 96. ♔f6
97. ♖g4! 98. ♔f6
99. ♖g4! 100. ♔f6

WOMANSENSE

Iron Curtain Countries Hold Fashion Show

Mass-Produced Working Dresses Win Praise

Vienna. PERHAPS nothing could distinguish so clearly the differences between East and West in Europe as the International Fashion Show just held in Budapest.

Reports reaching here show that whereas at the great international fashion shows in the West, the models shown are "exclusive" and made carefully by hand in select studios, those shown in Budapest were mass-produced in factories.

Whereas in the West the most successful models are those designed for evening wear, cocktail parties, afternoon teas or visits to the races, those which were most applauded in Budapest were working dresses.

Over 250 models were shown, ranging from overalls to classic tweed suits and long, swishing evening gowns displaying the latest styles of the ready-to-wear clothing industries of the Soviet Union, Poland, Czechoslovakia, the German Democratic Republic and Hungary.

This was the third such international show to be held—the others were staged at Leipzig and in Prague.

"Simple lines, a tasteful application of folk designs, and the skilful use of new textiles were typical of most models," a Budapest press report said.

"The models made in the Soviet Union were youthful and lovely," the report stated. "Folk designs and traditional folk art are cleverly used, not only as ornament, but in the design of prints as well."

"The garments are all practical and easily adapted for mass production. The suits and coats do not come up to the standard of the other garments in the Soviet collection."

The Czechoslovak collection was said to "show signs of a new style trend, but, though pleasant, the colours are sometimes sombre."

The Polish collection was described as "lacking the finish of the Soviet and Czechoslovak designs."

The German (East) collection was said to be outstanding for its simple, woolen frocks for teen-age girls.

The new German plastic materials won great praise. "Nylon and other synthetic materials were used to fashion

back coats tended to replace the straight lines of recent years though the straight-lined 'boy's style' is still in vogue. 'As a rule, softer, more feminine styles were the most popular,' the newspaper concluded.

There were models with accordion pleats and wider pleats, while most afternoon and smart 'after 5 o'clock' dresses were said to have 'full skirts and brightly fitted bodices.' China Mail Special.

A Crusade For The Top Woman In Fashion World

By Margaret Stanhope

AN ex-photographer's model is now the boss of France's No. 2 fashion house.

Tall, elegant, blonde Genevieve Fath, now in her thirties, came up the hard way in the fashion world with her husband Jacques.

When they were married in 1937, Jacques had exactly £15 in his pocket. Genevieve was just another pretty girl who earned a precarious living posing for photographers.

But Jacques had a lot of ideas. Genevieve had a lot of energy.

Today the house has an annual turnover of close to £270,000 and the registered capital of the concern is £20,000.

Paris likes best are the old ones. She remembers the first dress Jacques ever designed. It was for her.

Most of all she remembers a light evening dress with straw-berry pink embroidery which she wore one night in 1930 at Cannes.

Jacques, who had designed it, persuaded her to take a bath in it.

Then, laughing as she stood with the wet folds dripping around her, he proposed to her.

For reasons like that, making the business go will be a personal crusade for her.

It was Jacques' business and one of his last wishes was that she should take it over.

Paris will give her a helping hand. For beautiful women and the dress business go hand in hand, and there is nothing a Parisian likes better than the thought of a beautiful blonde at the top of the fashion world.

SHE REMEMBERS . . .

Over the last few years, while Jacques, who died two weeks ago, was fighting a crippling illness, Genevieve took over more and more of the business side of the concern.

Now she becomes the top woman in the fashion world. For ever since Madame Schiaparelli, Paris' big designers have been men.

But she is no designer. She will have to rely on her business sense and her husband's team.

And, although her husband was the innovator par excellence, the dresses Genevieve

Lunch Box Surprises

By ALICE DENHOFF

If you are a lunch-packing mother, it's up to you to make the tote-bag appetizing, tempting and nourishing, tucking in little surprises to add colour and interest.

Here are three delicious and wholesome lunch box desserts to try: Cherry Cheese Sandwiches, Cherry Date-Nut Squares and Cherry Walnut Bars.

To prepare the sandwiches, combine a softened 8-oz. package cream cheese and tbsp. lemon juice, beating until light and fluffy. Fold in 1½ tsp. grated lemon rind, ½ c. chopped marshmallow cherries, well drained (about 20 cherries) and ½ c. chopped walnuts. Mix well. Makes about 1½ c. filling to spread on data and nut bread.

For the Date-Nut Square, sift together ½ c. sifted all-purpose flour, ½ tsp. baking powder and ¼ tsp. salt. Beat 2 eggs until foamy; beat in ½ c. sugar and ½ tsp. vanilla. Add one c. chopped marshmallow cherries and one c. chopped, pitted dates.

Spread in well-greased 8-inch square pan and bake in slow oven (325° F.) 35 to 40 min., or until done. Cool slightly. Cut into 16 squares.

To make the Cherry-Walnut Bars, melt 2 1-oz. squares unsweetened chocolate and ½ c. butter or margarine over hot water. Cool, then add one c. sugar, 2 well-beaten eggs and ½ tsp. vanilla. Mix well.

Sift together ½ c. sifted all-purpose flour, ½ tsp. baking powder and ¼ tsp. salt. Add 2/3 c. well-drained, chopped marshmallow cherries and 2/3 c. chopped walnuts, mixing thoroughly. Add to chocolate mixture, mixing well.

Press into greased 8-inch pan and bake in moderate oven (350° F.) 30 min. Cool. Sprinkle with 1/4 c. brown sugar and 1/4 c. chopped walnuts. Makes 16 bars.



A trim jersey suit for shopping or a lunch date. It is edged with ribbed jersey bands.

JERSEY STEPS OUT!

JERSEY makes top autumn fashion news. This once humble material, used chiefly for sport, has even invaded the field of party dresses. It has been looking at adaptations of couture designs by Biki of Milan. The result is wonderful value . . . jumper suits and tailored dresses smart enough to go under the most luxurious fur coat.

Hard-wearing for the office are Ard-lit-jersey dresses, which are crease-resisting. They make wonderful travel frocks, too, as they can be rolled up for packing.

For party dresses, jersey makes its appearance in fine chignon weights.

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BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

Squirrel's Winter Food

—Hanid Helped Him Bury Acorns and Chestnuts—

By MAX TRELL

SQUIRE Squirrel came knocking at the door and by-and-by, Hanid the shadow-girl with the turned-about name, came out to see what he wanted.

"I was wondering," Squire Squirrel said in a very polite voice, "whether you were very busy this morning?"

Hanid smiled. "I'm not very busy at all," she said.

A Storage Problem

"Then would you care to help me? You'll need a little spoon."

A few minutes later, Hanid, holding a spoon, walked with Squire Squirrel to the back of the garden wall. Here, Squire had gathered a pile of horse chestnuts and ripe acorns.

"My, what a lot of them!" Hanid exclaimed.

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chestnut or a ripe acorn into the holes and covered them up again.

While she was doing this, she noticed that Squire Squirrel was doing the same except that, instead of using a spoon, Squire dug the holes with his paws, and teeth.

It took the whole morning to get all the horse chestnuts and acorns stored away in the ground.

Now while all this was going on, Hanid had noticed out of the corner of her eye that someone—she couldn't tell exactly who—seemed to be watching. Finally, as she and Squire were walking back to the garden, Hanid looked around and saw who the watcher was.

It was a chipmunk.

And there was this chipmunk, right at this very moment, digging up one of the horse chestnuts that Hanid had just buried.

"Just look what he's doing!" she told Squire. "He's stealing them!"



Squire Squirrel picked up a chestnut from the pile.

To Hanid's surprise, Squire Squirrel only laughed. "I don't really mind," he said. "I've got more horse chestnuts and ripe acorns than I can possibly eat. Besides," he said, "he won't find all of them, anyway."

"But he'll know where they're all buried," said Hanid. "They're all under the ends of the longest branches."

A Sipient Squirrel

Squire Squirrel shook his head and smiled. "No, no," he said. "It's just the ones that we buried today that are under the ends of the longest branches. The ones that I buried yesterday are under the ends of the medium-sized branches. And the ones that I'm going to bury tomorrow will be under the ends of the shortest branches. And next week, before it gets cold, you're going to bury short piles of them. And they won't go under any branches at all. They'll go right in the middle between the trees."

Squire Squirrel Squirrel was very clever, and he was very smart.

He was very smart, and he was very clever.

He was very smart, and he was very clever.

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Rupert at Greylocks Cove—34



Rupert the Bear and his friends sitting on a log, looking at a book.

ON THE RECORD

All A Question
Of Knots And
Double Crosses

When IAC Monaghan beat Sgt. Weaver in the RAF REME boxing show the other night he adopted tactics very different from those he normally employs and, according to the progressively embellished stories that circulated around the ring, he was fighting to very strict orders.

"Fighting to orders" is an old boxing saying and mention of it the other evening brought back memories of a story that went the rounds a few years ago.

It all started when a not too successful fight manager was spending a spare hour at a country inn. Remembering his vocation, it was but natural that he should drift eventually

to the boxing booth and just as natural that he should suddenly take a real interest in the proceedings when a magnificently built young heavyweight made his appearance in the ring and disposed of three hefty challengers in double quick time.

This looked like a gift from the gods and before he fully realised what he was doing the manager had given the young boxer a long term contract, a contract that was supposed to be for a year and a half but which in fact led to the worries of a lifetime.

Very soon the manager found out that his newly acquired pay-packet was so small that it just wasn't true. He was completely lacking in even the best of judgments of education and above all he had a "double-cross".

At first there seemed little connection between the two facts, but as the manager found that once his man had been smacked on the vulnerable chin and back, as it were, he was quite incapable of counting up to 10, and that in a few days, of course, a disastrous deficiency.

The manager was near distraction. "The Good" as he had christened his pugilist, was under a problem. If he landed his Sunday punch first every thing was fine for he could certainly hit, but if HE happened to be on the receiving end of one that landed anywhere on the whicker area it was just too bad. Down he would go in a heap, show no appreciation of the count, and get counted out.

Fight managers are noted for their ingenuity and this one suddenly had the bright idea of teaching his charge to count up to 10 on his fingers. Showing unexpected aptitude the Good was soon able to reach at one thumb and go across both hands counting accurately as he went. Active fighting was suspended during this period of intensive education and after several tests had been passed the manager decided to get his man back into action.

At last the big night arrived. Everything had gone smoothly with the main holding strictly to orders the manager could already hear the crisp rattle of banknotes.

"Keep that chin of yours well tucked in and if you do go down don't forget to count on your fingers" had been his final words of advice, and with the not fair, double-cross, fixing stuff was about.

Then came tragedy. Backing out of a bout of lightning the Good got clipped with one to the chin and down he went. He didn't look to be badly hurt and the spectators were astonished when, indifferent to the referee's count, he started performing the most amazing contortions, shouting at the same time, "It's a fix. I've been double-crossed. It's not fair."

The inevitable happened, and once back in the dressing room the rattle manager made great play of tearing up the contract, but even he could not resist one last, obvious, question.

"Please tell me what all the not fair, double-cross, fixing stuff was about."

— B. E. JANT

COMPTON MAY
BE OUT FOR
TWO MONTHS

Brisbane, Nov. 27.

Denis Compton, the England batsman who injured his left hand in the first Test against Australia here, may be unfit for two months.

This is the latest medical opinion on the injury, which occurred when Compton tried to stop a boundary. The hand is more painful and is in a plaster cast. If he were a casualty this long, it would mean his missing the second Test, which opens at Sydney on December 17, and the third at Melbourne beginning December 31. — Reuter.

ENGLAND'S
SOCCER XI
SELECTED

London, Nov. 28.

England's team to meet Germany, the world soccer champions, at Wembley on Wednesday, December 1, was announced today as follows:

Goal: Roy Wood (Manchester U); goalkeepers: Billy Wright (Wolves), captain, and Bill Slater (Wolves), halfbacks: Stan Matthews (Blackpool), Roy Bentley (Chelsea), Ronnie Allen (West Bromwich), Len Shackleton (Sunderland) and Tom Finney (Preston) forwards.

Reserves to travel: Roy Wood (Manchester U); goal: Joe Kennedy (West Bromwich) fullback; Bill McGarry (Huddersfield) halfback and Dennis Wilshaw (Wolves) forward.

NO SURPRISE

England's selectors caused no surprise by their announcement. The side differs in only two instances from that which beat Wales earlier this month. Williams taking over in goal from Wood (the reserve) and Finney getting the left-wing berth among the forwards to the exclusion of Frank Blunstone, the young Chelsea winger.

Finney, at home on either the right or left wing, played only once on the left last season, and that was in the return match with Hungary in Budapest. In two other internationals he appeared on the right.

Williams regains his place in the England team which he lost after the 1951-52 season when Gil Merrick (Birmingham) took over. Wood played against Wales recently and now gives way to a man who was first capped in 1948-49.

The German team and four reserves, who start on their journey to England tonight, were announced yesterday. — Reuter.

NOTICE

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HONGKONG 3, SINGAPORE 2

THE LAW STRIKES THREE
TIMES AND RECOVERS
THE AW HOE CUP

By I. M. MacTAVISH

From drab to dramatic, from methodical to mediocre, from casual to captivating and, as far as the home players were concerned, from all is lost to everything in the garden is lovely. That was the grim-gamut of sensation that was experienced at Caroline Hill yesterday as Hongkong staged a thrilling second half recovery to put the beautiful Aw Hoe Cup on a local sideboard.

But whatever the final result of this replayed Cup-tie there are many facts about the game that cannot be concealed. The first of these is that Hongkong did not play to form or reputation and should never have been in the position of having to make a desperate eleventh hour effort to pull the match out of the fire. They should have had the result securely tied up long before the end.

The second thing is that there were many incidents in the play but one will want to forget and regret soon.

Some of the tactics and tactics was, to say the very least, ineffectual and right-back Hussein and right-half Foo Hee-jong of the Singapore team were extremely fortunate to find an over-reliant or weak referee in charge of the match.

That brings me very naturally to the next point, the standard of refereeing in this important Cup-tie was generally indifferent and occasionally shockingly poor and some of the decisions, particularly in the first half, were as baffling to the players as to the spectators.

One that produced an indirect free-kick for Hongkong was inexplicable and one against Tong Sheung, left everyone—players and spectators—astonished.

Singapore will no doubt feel that they were unlucky to lose and as far as the actual scoring of goals was concerned there is doubtless some justification for their sentiments, but if they had retained the Cup it would have gone back to Malaya as the personal trophy of goalkeeper Loh Fook-teng who alone kept the Singapore interest alive until the closing minutes of the game.

Loh was magnificent. Coming into the side as deputy for an established star like Chu Chee-seng must have been an ordeal, but the sure-handed lanky Loh showed no trace of an inferiority complex.

MASTERFUL

Some of his clearances were masterful and but for his brilliant save his side would have been in a tough spot. He got fine assistance from Lee Kok-seng who has been a bright star here. Play started on a dramatic note when Ramlin Omar was right on the spot to open the scoring for Singapore with only 40 seconds of the match gone. This gave the visitors just the tonic they needed and, of course, coming with such suddenness it had exactly the opposite effect on the Hongkong boys who took a long time to recover from the shock.

Singapore played fast, open football and it looked as though they were on the victory road when Goh Boon-chin connected with a ball that goalkeeper Sayen failed to cut out, and put his side two in the lead.

When the interval came with the score unaltered the Hongkong prospects didn't look too good.

Half-way reflections showed that Sayen, the third choice for the Hongkong goal, was being asked to take on a job that was a bit out of his class. His inexperience was painfully obvious and had he not been tied to his goalposts Singapore goals might have been prevented, and in fact he very nearly lost another one through bad positioning.

Ko Po-keung was also a defensive culprit for he was giving Ramlin Omar far too much freedom. The general looseness and uncertainty in defence was very unlike recent displays.

There is little doubt that "Doctor" Tom Sieddon spotted the "ills" and there was a noticeable improvement in the Hongkong play after the re-start.

Omar Awang, who had sent a series of beautiful centres into the home goal in the first half, was now well watched, Ko Po-keung shut up the middle, play was directed out to the wings and Chu Wing-wah and Mok

Chun-wah really started to make their presence felt, but currently out-of-form Kwokoon Buman Szolo Man continued to misfire in several cylinders.

Singapore allowed the initiative to be snatched away from them and looked as though they had no plan other than "what we have we hold".

This proved to be unprofitable tactics and little "Electric Heels"—Au Chi-yin—knocked one off the deficit in the 40th minute.

SQUARED THE SCORE

Seven minutes later he made the game happy when he finished off some grand play by squaring the score.

Hongkong now threw everything into the struggle to snatch the goal that had a magnificent cup as its reward, and only some superlative goalkeeping by Loh Fook-teng thwarted their efforts.

With the minutes ticking away and the prospects of extra-time looming large Robson and Mok Chun-wah launched an attack that started a terrific bombardment on the Singapore goal. Quickly the ball was slipped out to Chu Wing-wah and he side-stepped a fierce tackle, cowered inside Shu Chiu-hing to the edge of the penalty area, and let go a flashing left foot drive. It beat Loh all ends up, but to the chagrin of the crowd it came crashing back off the post.

As it dropped in the penalty area bedlam was let loose. Robson eventually got his toe to it and flicked it back for Chu Wing-wah to have another shot, but once again it was fortune's daughter who smiled and the ball rebounded from the cross bar, but this time it came to Au Chi-yin and the Police centre-forward almost needed the riot squad to rescue him from the congratulations of his teammates as he smashed the ball into the net.

In the two minutes left for play Hongkong almost got another but Mok Chun-wah sent the ball wide from a good position.

Apert from the excitement of the finish this was not a game that will be easily remembered. Hongkong deserve the credit that is due to any side that fights back from a two-goal deficit to win, but Singapore might still be Cup-holders if they had gone on playing good healthy football.

When one or two of the players changed their tactics after Hongkong's second goal they throw away any chance they still had of pulling the game out of the fire.

VERDICT: In many ways a typical hit or miss Cup-tie. Singapore had the right idea at the start when they made the ball do the work, but they faded out badly after the interval when Hongkong really applied the pressure. The local boys looked a lot flatter than the visitors who tired visibly.

THE MacTAVISH
STAR RATINGS

HONGKONG

Sayers
Sato Yiu
Lau Yee
Chan Fui-hung
Ko Po-keung
Tong Sheung
Chu Wing-wah
Sato Man
Au Chi-yin

Robson
Mok Chun-wah
SINGAPORE
Loh Fook-teng
Hagan
Shu Chiu-hing
Foo Hee-jong
Lee Kok-seng
Ho Hin-weng
Omar Awang
Au Boon-seong
Ramin Omar
Goh Boon-chin
Sin Yung-huat

SATURDAY'S MATCH

Singapore lost a great chance to retain possession of the Aw Hoe Cup when they met Hongkong at Caroline Hill on Saturday for the home side lost brilliant Yiu Cheuk-yin just before the interval and played out the second half with 10 men. 10 valiant fighters who fought every inch of the way for a very creditable draw.

Hongkong opened in great form and pinned the visitors into their own half of the field for long periods, although there was always danger in the fast breakaways of the Singapore forwards spearheaded by Ramin Omar at inside-right.

Yiu Cheuk-yin dribbled through the defence and cracked a fast rising shot over Chu Chee-seng's head to put the Hongkong boys in the lead after only nine minutes' play.

Although enjoying the balance of play the home side could not get further ahead and the brilliance of the visitors' goalkeeper Chu Chee-seng had a lot to do with this state of affairs.

Ramin Omar got Singapore back on level terms in the second half when he sent a beautiful header wide of Wal Fat-kin's left hand and into the net.

Hongkong were feeling the strain of being a man short but there was still a lot of life in the depleted forward line and only a magnificent save by Chu Chee-seng from Tang Yee-kit prevented them from snatching the lead. But truth to tell the goalkeeper should never have had a chance to get near the ball.

Wal Fat-kin was badly injured in making a neck-or-nothing save just before the end and Tang Yee-kit also got a nasty knock on the leg. Awang missed an open goal for Singapore and there is little doubt that the home side was glad to hear the whistle that ended the game and gave them the chance of a re-play, even though it was obvious that some of them would not be fit to play.

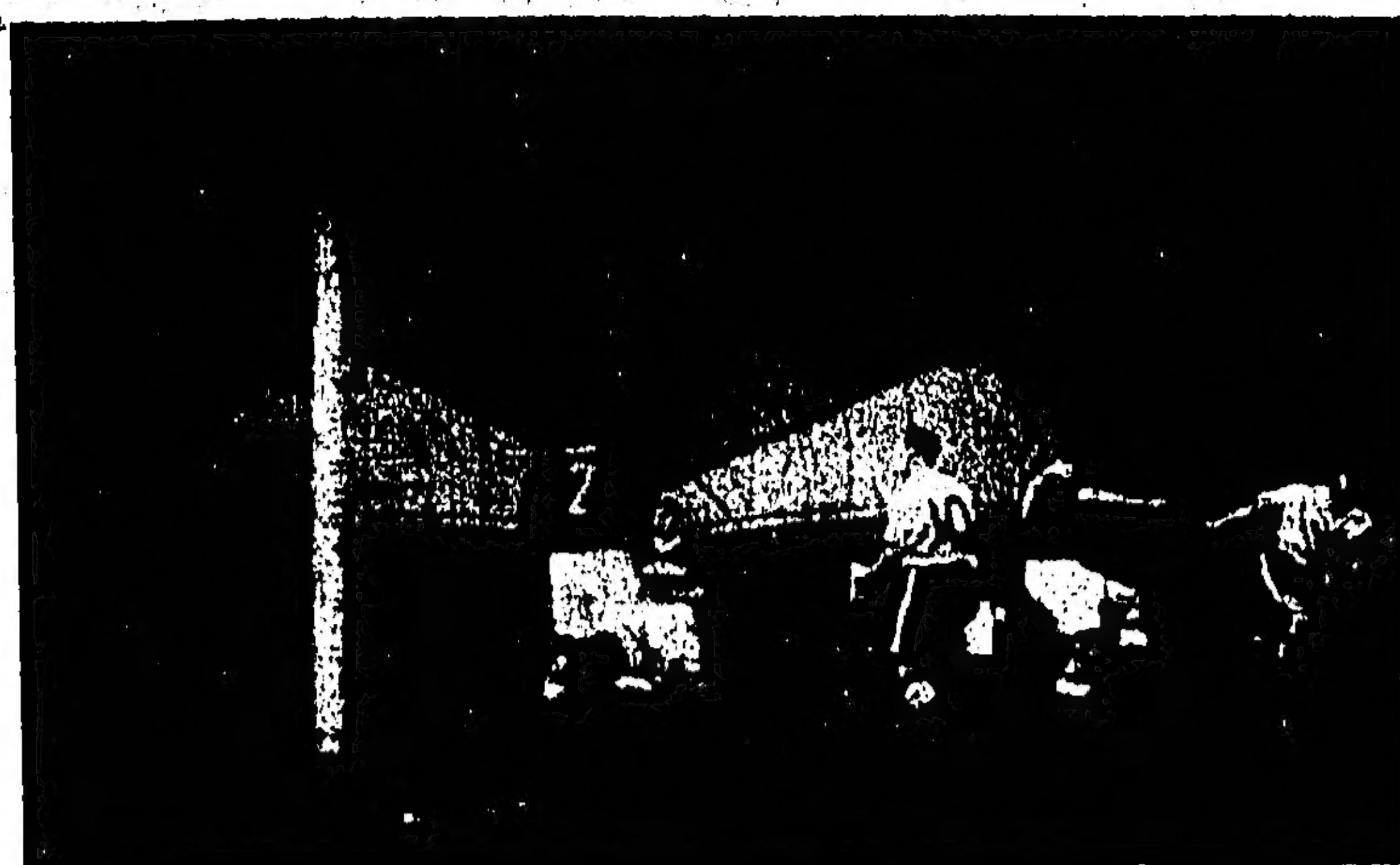
The members of the Interpol Committee met immediately after considering medical reports decided that Wal Fat-kin, Yiu Cheuk-yin, and Tang Yee-kit would not be fit.

Pau King-yin, the official, reserve goalkeeper, was also reported unfit and Sayers of the RAF was nominated for the job. Au Chi-yin and Robson were nominated to replace Tang Yee-kit and Yiu Cheuk-yin respectively.

The teams:
Hongkong: Wal Fat-kin, Jim, Sato Yiu, Lau Yee, Chan Fui-hung, Ko Po-keung, Tong Sheung, Chu Wing-wah, Sato Man, Tang Yee-kit, Yiu Cheuk-yin, Mok Chun-wah.

Singapore: Chu Chee-seng; Vass, Hassan, Foo Hee-jong, Lee Kok-seng, Ho Hin-weng, Omar Awang, Ramin Omar, Au Boon-seong, Willie, Farrell.

WOLVES V. SPARTAK



Spartak goalkeeper Piraley looks up, relieved, as a shot from Wolverhampton Wanderers' inside-right Broadbent (extreme right) zooms over the bar in the floodlight soccer match at Wolverhampton. Wolves' inside left Wilshaw (10) was in the goal area, ready to snap up any opportunity. Wolves fulfilled expectations and beat the Russian team 4-0. — Reuterphoto.

WEEK-END SOFTBALL

Pandas Check A Last
Inning Rally To Beat
USS Floyd Bay 6-4

The week-end's softball games saw keen competition and much excitement for both players and spectators. In the Senior "A" League the hardy Panda Aces checked a last inning rally in time and held back a formidable U.S. Navy team from the USS Floyd Bay 6-4.

Panda Bees wrested another victory off the Overseas 8-7. In the Junior League the Comets just edged out the Ducks 6-5 in the last inning and Blackhaws went to an extra frame to nose out the CAA Juniors 12-10.

P. I. Dodgers had an easy time with South China and won 15-0. Chinese Athletic Ladies narrowly downed Colleen Bees 16-13 and Wahoo Aces walloped Overseas Ladies 30-1.

The game between Saints and Warriors was postponed and University gave a walkover to Blackhaws "A".

The USS Floyd Bay turned out a good team. Chucker Meehan was not very steady but variety. He held the hard-hitting Pandas to only three hits and the locals scored only on fielding errors.

Green in the hot corner and Lusk at second were flawless and fielders Grant, Brooks and Singleton formed a tight screen.

LAST CONTROL

W. K. Wong of the Cats went well on the mound until the last inning. He fanned seven, yielded only two hits and issued one free ticket.

However, he lost control in the last inning and manager Kenneth Chun had to relieve him, sending in the more experienced Jackie Wei.

The game started with the Pandas taking the field. Grant flamed out at centre field and was immediately in scoring position.

However, Meehan lofted for a vain sacrifice and the next two batters were fanned out.

L. C. Poon of Pandas drew a walk after two down and reached third on a pass ball and stole. V. S. Liang grounded to Murphy, the shortstop. He fumbled and Poon scored the first run.

Liang stole safe and arrived at third station on a pass ball. Raymond Tano's liner to the right bounced off the mitt of first baseman Ester and Liang was home safe. Raymond was ripped off on trying an untimely steal for the third out and the Cats were two runs up.

In the second, Brooks got a safety after one out but the side was out when he reached the second base only. L. P. Lam was passed and advanced by Frank Cheng's sacrifice. Gary Yen was struck out but Murphy fumbled W. K. Wong's hot roller on which Lam crossed the

plate. Wong by then reached third when the Navy felder threw in home.

Wally Ma next bunted to ward the pitcher Meehan, who picked the ball and threw first hard. The ball bounced off the mitt of Ester without his knowing and when he at last turned around and retrieved the ball, Wong had already strided home from the opposite end of diamond and Pandas now led 4-0.

The Cats added one run each in the next two frames through Liang and Wong while the sailors went out in quick succession. Both sides tried unsuccessfully in the 5th and 6th and the score stood 6-0 in favour of the local team.

The sailors' waning hope of victory suddenly became alive when Pandas' moundman, Wong lost his control and bases were loaded by his free tickets after one out.

Jackie Wei was sent in to relieve him as Pandas could not afford another loss to spoil their bid for the crown. Nevertheless, the Navy men scored four in a series on a bobbie, a hit, a walk and a wild pitch, with men still on second and third.

However, Jackie Wei managed to fan the next one and the last batter popped out, ending the sailors' last hope, the rally and contest. The final score was 6-4.

BEES WIN TOO

The tussle between Pandas B and the Overseas followed this game with the latter starting off the attack. They led 3-1 at the end of second inning, and added another run in the top of third.

Now the young Cats commenced their rally. They drew a walk first and then obtained six-safeties in a row which netted them six runs to turn the tide.

The Overseas went out empty-handed in the next two frames but their opponents got one more. In the sixth, however, they pushed two runs across the plate and were trailing only two runs behind.

In the last inning the first man got on base through an error and the second walked. The third batter bunted solid but the first man was nipped off at home when his hand proved a waste.

The next batter then lifted a long fly and scored the second run. The last one fled out and the game ended 8-7 in favour of the Pandas "B".

In the Ladies' League, the ex-champion, Wahoo "A", proved to be too strong for the rookie Chinese ladies. They were able to get runs as they wanted and collected in every frame. The Overseas Ladies, however, managed to tally once in the beginning to save a shutout. Patsy MacDonell and Treva Starkey each batted for the Owls.

The Lady Athletics scored their first victory since they joined the League. They tied 10

fight hard for the honour as their rookie contestants held them down 6-4 in the first three frames. Their fourth inning rally reversed the score as they were really hitting and through the numerous errors made by their opponents, eight Athletics crossed the plate. They managed to keep the margin intact until the end and for the first time tasted sweet victory.

SATURDAY'S GAMES

The Comets gained revenge on the Ducks in the second round off. Both showed good defence and the former were able to out-hit their opponents by 11-3. The Shooting Stars took turn at bat first but both sides were kept scoreless until the third canto when either collected one run.

In the fourth, the Nobles were successful in having two men homebound. The Comets then rallied in three runs in the fifth while the Ducks retaliated with two to lead by 5-4.

Noble formations were softened by the continuous pounding of the Shooting Stars and yielded one run each in the last two rounds and the Comets at last nosed out their opponents for a well earned victory.

The Junior Athletics surprised the Hawks with a snubhorn fight. Had their chucker issued fewer walks, they would have upset the latter who played rather off form.

The Blackhawk Bees started with a two-run lead but were erratic in the second.

The young Athletics had a riot on the diamond and when the dust settled no fewer than six of them had made round circuits.

Daniel Castro and Farid Khan of the Bees homered successively in the third frame to narrow the margin, but the Junior Athletics were still leading 7-4.

The score at the end of the fifth inning stood at 8-8 with the young Hawks with two runs down. In the sixth the Bees drew two walks in a row and Yoyo Basto blasted out a timely three-run homer to put his team in the lead.

Another run came in afterwards but the young Athletics were able to tie the score ten-all when this inning ended. Both were unable to make any headway in the last and they had to go for an extra frame.

The young Hawks were able to score a costly error from the U.S. CAA lads in the dusk and at last bagged two runs to come out the winners.

The P. I. Dodgers breezed through the South China Juniors to win by 15-0. The former were superior in hitting and batted in five runs in the first. They added another seven in the third and played head up to the last.

Frankie Soles was the hero of the Dodgers in counting a two-run homer. Robert Lamotte was sterling at bat and got a hit in four innings and a three-run homer. Ruben Patel got a hit in two.

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6 M. HUNGARIANS VOTE ON STRAIGHT TICKET

Vienna, Nov. 28.

Six million Hungarians went to the polls today to elect 100,309 local councillors sponsored by the Communist-run "Patriotic People's Front."

Only one candidate for each vacant post was nominated at meetings held in the Communist Republic earlier this year, reports reaching here said.

The new local councils will have far wider responsibilities than their predecessors, according to Hungarian official source, quoted by Budapest Radio.

MOST DEMOCRATIC

Professed aim of the elections, hailed by the Communists as "the most Democratic ever held in Hungary," is to bring about a greater decentralisation of the general administration.

Government spokesmen have repeatedly accused former local councils of over centralisation and red tape and the Hungarian Premier, Mr. Imre Nagy, said the elections would serve to eliminate "difficult or incompetent officials."

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

"DUNA AURORA"

Damaged cargo on this vessel will be surveyed by Messrs Goddard & Douglas at Hull's Wharf from 10 a.m. on December 1, 1954, and consignees are requested to have their representatives present during the survey.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE
Agents
Hongkong, November 20, 1954.

New laws regulate the working of local councils and give them a wider scope in financial matters and more authority on the work of the administrative and economic bodies within their territory.

Budapest Radio said today that in some Budapest districts over 80 per cent of the electorate had voted by 10 o'clock this morning.

Of the candidates, 37 per cent are members of the Workers (Communist) Party, and the remainder are said to be "non-party workers."

The so-called "Patriotic People's Front" is said to consist of Communists and non-Communists, including even some church officials. It was set up to supervise the elections and nominate the candidates.—Reuter.

Polite Policemen

Tokyo, Nov. 20.
Tokyo policemen have given up their free seats in the city's overcrowded buses and trams, following complaints from tired office workers.

The police now have their own buses. They also have to pay for their seats.—China Mail Special.

PROPAGANDA IN SAAR

Paris, Nov. 28.
The French Ambassador in the Saar, M. Gilbert Grandval, said today he feared German political parties would engage in "invidious propaganda" in the Saar despite promises of non-interference.

Answering questions from American students here, he said: "You can rely on the emissaries of Dr. Goebbels, (Hitler's propaganda minister) who unhappily did not follow him into the grave to organise invidious propaganda which will be an interference but which will be hard to discern and stop in time."

France-German agreements drawn up last month prohibit political parties outside the Saar from attempting to influence public opinion on the referendum to be held to settle the future of the area.

M. Grandval added that today's elections in the German states of Bavaria and Hesse could explain certain nationalist expressions. But he said: "It is disturbing that the day in Germany one must be more nationalist than one's rival."—Reuter.

Indian Minister To Stay In Cabinet

New Delhi, Nov. 28.

Mr. T. T. Krishnamachari, who yesterday tendered his resignation as Commerce Minister, has agreed to stay on in the Cabinet for the present.

After meeting the Prime Minister today, he said that Mr. Nehru had persuaded him to stay on. He had told Mr. Nehru that he wished to retire from politics altogether.

The Minister offered to resign after the Cabinet rejected a plan for a British supplied steel plant to be established by private enterprise.

The Cabinet decided it must keep to its 1948 industrial policy resolution that basic industries like iron and steel must be Government controlled.—Reuter.

Singapore Chinese School Children Causing Concern

Singapore, Nov. 28.

Officials of this colony are expressing increasing concern at the activities of Chinese school children who band together in demonstrations against authority.

The officials believe that behind the scenes agitators who are using the lack of discipline in Chinese schools to organise student demonstrations which cause embarrassment to the Government.

The Governor, Sir John Nicoll, in his budget speech before the Legislative Council recently said that he had direct evidence that "unscrupulous agitators" were at work.

Meanwhile, Special Branch officers are trying to find out what force it is that can set

hundreds of boys and girls flag-waving and cheering in support of causes which may not affect them personally and which, obviously few of them understand.

British Church Leaders Attend Consecration.

Moscow, Nov. 28.

A group of British church leaders headed by Canon Charles Eadie, Rector, Chapel of the Queen, attended a three-hour service today in the Yelikhovsky Cathedral, Moscow, for the consecration of a Russian Orthodox Bishop.

The British Methodist leader, Dr. Donald Soper, said that the service, which was conducted by Patriarch Alexei and was attended by the Metropolitan of Moscow and Kiev, was "interesting and elaborate, especially to a Non-conformist."

He added: "The singing was superb, and the cathedral was full of worshippers, who stood attentively throughout the service."

The British churchmen were later the Patriarch's guests at lunch. They are due to leave for home on Wednesday, after a fortnight's stay in Russia.—Reuter.

LITTLE IMPRESSION

The sheep-like way in which school children have followed their leaders in recent demonstrations has apparently left little impression on the Chinese parents and teachers.

Singapore has about 180,000 school children in its 1,100,000 population. Less than 20,000 in 20 schools are private school pupils from which the trouble-makers come.

Travellers to Singapore from neighbouring Asian countries see Communist regimentation in the organised demonstrations by school children.

While Communism means little to the average youthful demonstrator, the authorities believe that Communist organisation at the root of the present defiance.

Somewhere in Singapore, they believe, is a tiny Communist nucleus which, having temporarily failed in the first two years of the Communist programme—terror and infiltration into the trade unions—is following a third course of infiltration among the school children.

Those organisers, visible above the surface, are not considered Communist followers by travellers. Under emergency regulations in force here since 1948, it is an offence punishable by imprisonment to be a Communist.

VALUABLE SUPPORT

But it is believed the Communists and fellow travellers find valuable support among the ranks of the Chinese communities whose open fear is that British culture is swamping Chinese culture to the detriment of the Chinese race.

While the Government makes concessions to these communists and admits their freedom to press such a cause, it is still the official view that Western education must remain the staple learning of Asian children here during the move towards self-government.

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In October, the Governor made a concession to the Chinese communities by giving the aid of Chinese private schools although they rejected proposals for Government scrutiny of school curricula and the compulsory teaching of English.

The British community here saw this as a demonstration of willingness to go part of the way in ironing out differences between the colonial Government and the viewpoint of its Asian taxpayers.

SIGN OF THE TIMES

But they also saw it as a significant sign of the times demonstrating the increased pace of the postwar move towards Asian autonomy.

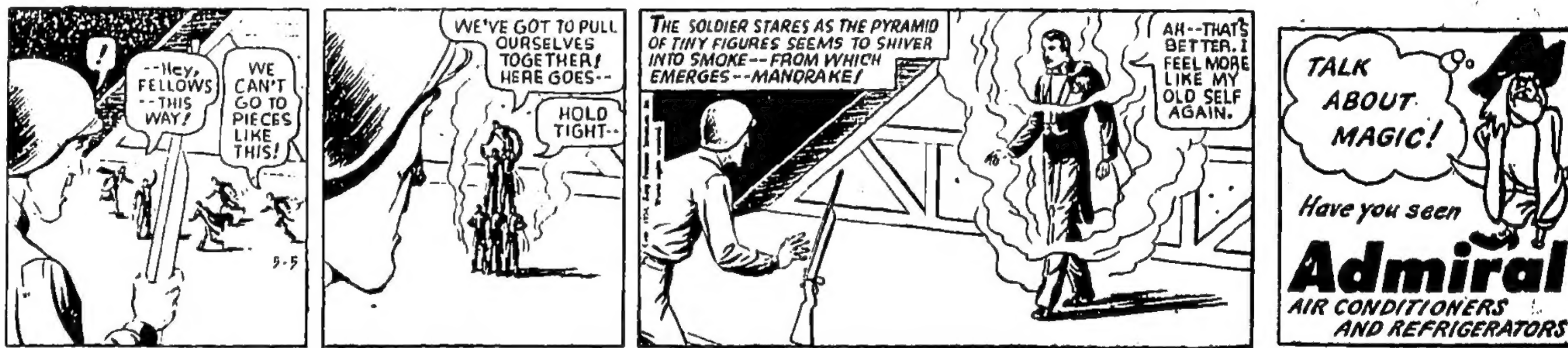
Like the neighbouring Federation of Malaya, the island colony of Singapore is to have next year its first parliament with a majority of elected members.

The British authorities in Singapore and the Federation capital of Kuala Lumpur cite this as evidence of British willingness to put in motion the wheels of transition.

Among not only British leaders here but also many native Chinese and Malaysians the opinion is that Malaya, and even more Singapore, has the greater part of the defence to go in protecting its Asian administration to which could be attributed the Government of a country which must "at all costs" avoid the chaotic results of precipitate sovereignty, such as that which has befallen Indonesia.—China Mail Special.

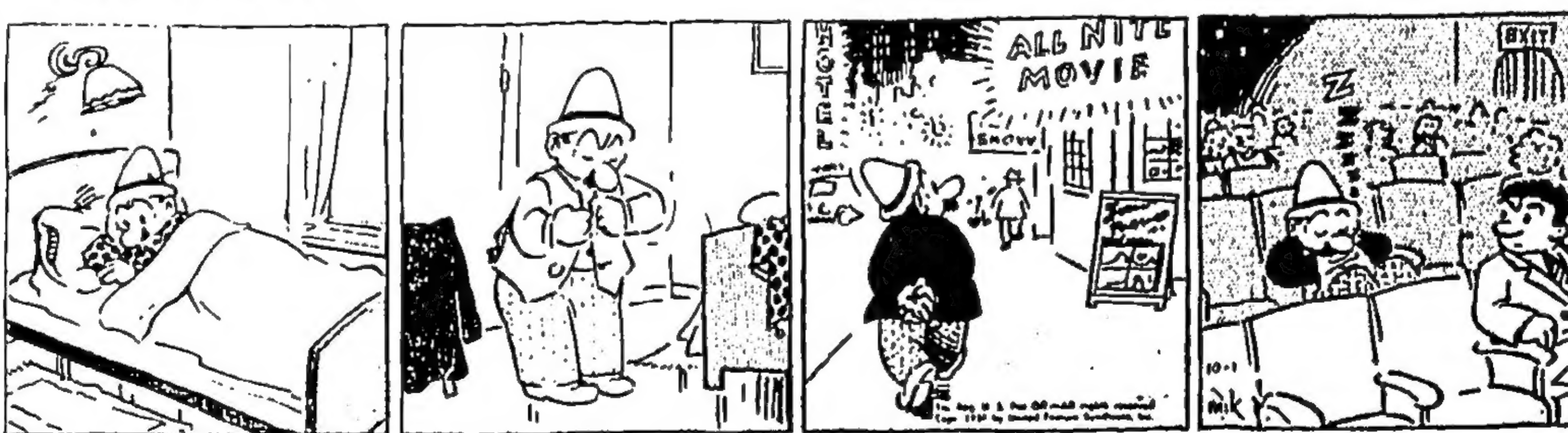
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From Our Files

100 Years Ago

The Szeanet, with Chinese emigrants for California, passed through the harbour on her way to Whampoa two or three days ago, having put back after being out 210 days. It is reported that 40 of the Chinese have died, two or more of whom were shot, but we have not as yet received particulars.

CRIMINAL SESSIONS

The first monthly Criminal Session of the Supreme Court under the "amended" Ordinance, was held yesterday, when three cases were tried, the prisoners in a fourth being discharged by proclamation.

The first case was that of Leong-Ahok for Piracy, the prisoner having been chief of a gang of miscreants from four boats, who boarded a junk on her passage from Cebu to Hongkong, and plundered her. The witnesses had been detained for twenty days on board the junk with the prisoner, so that there could be no question as to his identity, and when captured in the Tai-ping-shun, he had some of their property about his person while it was being wanted of the connection of the Pirates with the Rebels, it might have been supplied by a Triad certificate found on the person of this pirate leader. He was found guilty, and sentenced to fifteen years' transportation.

The second case was that of Chun-to-ho for Child Stealing—a doubtful case as far as the evidence went, but the jury having declared the prisoner guilty 4 to 2, he being an old offender, was sentenced to two years' imprisonment with hard labour.

STABBING CHARGE

The third and last trial was that of Thomas Henry Holmes, for Stabbing—a case in which the verdict might well have been accompanied by a recommendation to mercy. The prisoner was Second Mate of the Staghound, and the prosecutor was a seaman who had been discharged from that vessel after a quarrel with the prisoner.

The latter had come on shore one night, and was lying down in a house in the Lower Bazaar, half wash-house, half-dormitory, when the prosecutor accompanied by a companion made his appearance—accidentally, it would have had the jury to believe—in the room, and "in jest" the prisoner was seized by the throat. He, taken by surprise, resorted to self-defence to that brutal and cowardly weapon, an American bowie-knife, (the mere carrying of which in civilised countries ought to constitute an offence punishable by imprisonment and the treadmill), with which he dangerously wounded the prosecutor and his friend, and then escaped on board a Dutch ship, to which he was followed by a party of seamen, brought ashore, and handed over to the police.

He was found guilty, 4 to 2, and sentenced to eighteen months' imprisonment.

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There is very little intelligence from the North about the Rebellion, but that little is interesting—namely, that the Imperialists have re-taken the important cities of Han-kow and Wu-chang on the Yangtze-kang, from which it is inferred that the power of T'ai-ping Wang is on the decline.

DIFFERING REPORTS

A French officer engaged in the attack upon Petropaulsk, gives his account of the affair in the Echo du Pacifique, and Admiral Stirling, we understand, has despatches—both of which of course differ in several particulars from the version that appeared in our last issue, and from that in the North-China Herald, on Captain Westergaard's authority, apparently under a Russian bias. But there is wonderfully slight discrepancy as to the main fact, — that the Allies found the capture of Petropaulsk a task beyond their strength. The death of Admiral Price is also confirmed; it seems he shot himself with a pistol, accidentally, it is to be presumed, though it is strange, if true, that the ball went through his heart—but we hear nothing of the death of the French Admiral.

Soviet Leader's Kind Words To Tito At Big Moscow Reception

Moscow, Nov. 28.

Mr Nikita Khrushchev, First Secretary of the Soviet Communist Party, in a toast today at the Yugoslav National Day reception, said: "We drink to the Communist Party of Yugoslavia and to Comrade Tito, and all my comrades are in agreement with me. This is a secret we are prepared to reveal."

The reception was attended by Mr Nikola Bulganin, Soviet Defence Minister, Mr V. M. Molotov, Soviet Foreign Minister, Mr Maxim Saburov, Deputy Prime Minister and Mr Valery Zorin, Deputy Foreign Minister. Government leaders drank the toast with the Yugoslav Ambassador, Mr Saburov, while the entire Moscow diplomatic corps looked on.

It was the first time since the Cominform-Tito break in 1948 that such a big Soviet Government contingent had attended the Yugoslav National Day reception.

CALL FOR FRIENDSHIP

The Kremlin tribute followed a statement by Mr Saburov on November 6 calling for friendship

ship with Yugoslavia and similar sentiments expressed by Mr Malenkov and Mr Khrushchev in a talk with the Yugoslav Ambassador at a Kremlin reception on November 7.

Mr Malenkov, Mr Molotov, Mr Khrushchev and Marshal Bulganin talked with the Yugoslav Ambassador for more than an hour.

The conversation appeared at times to be amiable and the Government leaders were smiling.

The Yugoslav Ambassador later described the conversation as "very agreeable."

REPEATED TOAST

When correspondents crowded in to listen to the toasts to Marshal Tito, Mr Khrushchev repeated the toast for their benefit and Mr Malenkov interrupted and said they drank a toast also "to peace between peoples. We are open for peace and friendship among the nations."

In the informal atmosphere, typical of recent meetings of Russian Government leaders and diplomats in Moscow, Mr Khrushchev spotted Fr George Brasseur, American Catholic priest attached to the American Embassy under an old agreement with the Soviet Government.

Mr Khrushchev smiled at Fr Brasseur, took his hand and said: "I am very glad to meet you."

RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

Fr Brasseur said later Mr Khrushchev had expressed belief in freedom of religion and added that anyone who failed to see the value of religious freedom was "on the wrong track." The statement on religion was intended "to get them back on the right track."

Fr Brasseur told the Communist Party leader that when dealing with many people it is useless to squabble about all into one mould. "If they were not too tight on religion they might get more co-operation in other fields."

TWO PARTS

Later the Indonesian Ambassador, Dr Subandrio, asked Mr Saburov: "If you really regard capitalism as aggressive but its very nature how can you believe in co-existence?" Mr Saburov replied: "I divide capitalism into two parts—progressive and reactionary. I have nothing to say against the progressive but as for the reactionary, that is different."

Mr Saburov then proposed a toast "to the peoples of Asia and Europe." It was drunk by Dr Subandrio, the Burmese Ambassador, U Onn, the Chinese Ambassador, Chang Wen-chen, and Mr Vidie, who was acting as interpreter.

As the Government leaders gathered round a table of wines and sweetmeats, the Turkish Ambassador, Mr Seftin, came up to be introduced. Mr Khrushchev told him: "We are neighbours."

Marshal Bulganin, a disarming gleam in his uniformed black tie, tried a Serbian wine and said: "This is a good Yugoslav wine."

Diplomatic observers regard the visit of senior Soviet leaders to the Yugoslav Embassy as a significant gesture in the Kremlin's attempt to be friends with Marshal Tito again.—Reuter.

Riot In S. Korean Assembly

Seoul, Nov. 28.

Fighting broke out during pro-Government and Opposition members of the National Assembly here this morning and continued until Assembly guards were called in to separate brawling legislators.

The fight broke out during a debate as to whether or not the Assembly should pass the Constitutional Amendment Bill on Saturday to enable President Syngman Rhee to run again for President when his present term expires.—Reuter.

U.S. Conditions For Treaty With Chiang

From Our Own Correspondent

Washington, Nov. 28.

America is reported to be agreeable to signing a mutual defence treaty with President Chiang Kai-shek's Nationalists on Formosa providing they agree not to attack the mainland, accept a self-defence, and also there will be no automatic guarantee to involve the United States in any war which China starts.

Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek is trying to get more than the United States wants to give but officials think a pact may be signed in two or three weeks time.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"You always know when Dulles is in Asia or Africa—why is it you never see that I've moved around the living room furniture?"

Major Policy Speech By Dulles Tonight

Washington, Nov. 29.

The U.S. Secretary of State, Mr John Foster Dulles, will make it clear to the world in a major policy speech today just how far the United States is willing to contribute "peaceful co-existence" with the Communist bloc.

He is working on the speech today at his island retreat near the Canadian border.

In Washington, high ranking advisers were preparing a special report for him on the sentencing of 13 American airmen by Communist China on what the United States has described as "trumped up" spy charges. China has rejected America's protest over the sentences.

A spokesman said Mr Dulles would be given the report as he flew to Chicago to make his speech, to be broadcast throughout the United States and the world late on Monday night.

Mr Dulles is expected to elaborate on the possibility of the United States agreeing to a "Big Four" conference with the Soviet Union, Britain and France, which Mr Pierre Mendes-France, the French Premier, has suggested should take place in May.

THREE CONDITIONS

Mr Dulles has already laid down three conditions:

1. That the Paris agreements on West German are ratified;
2. That the Soviet Union shows conclusively that it will negotiate in good faith and not use such a meeting for propaganda;
3. That proper time is allowed for completion of the intricate and complicated arrangements which must precede a meeting of such importance.

Other points Mr Dulles is expected to cover in his speech include:

The success of United States foreign policy in terms of the alliance being forged around the world;

A review of possibilities of an Austrian treaty in the light of his cordial talks this week with Dr Julius Raab, the Austrian Chancellor.

A pact between the United States and Nationalist China whereby America will guarantee Formosa and the Pescadore Islands against Communist invasion, will probably be signed soon, according to authoritative sources.

REVISED BLUE PRINT

The pact has been described as part of a revised United States "blue print" developed in line with the present policy which seems to hold the door open for negotiations with the Soviet Union and Communist China.

Under the pact it is believed that in return for continued American shielding of their Nationalists, the Nationalists will withdraw, at some secret date, from some of the coastal islands they hold.

Efforts are being made in the United Nations, it was learned here, to resume negotiations

New Clash In Israel: Four Jordan Soldiers Killed Near Jerusalem

Tel-Aviv, Nov. 28.

The Israeli Army reported today that four Jordanian troopers were killed, two wounded and one Israeli policeman wounded during a clash 100 yards inside Israeli territory this morning.

The preliminary report said the fighting occurred near the scene of another incident last week when Israeli surveyors came under fire from Jordanians while they were marking the armistice line.

United Nations observers have been rushed to the scene to investigate while arrangements are being made to hand the bodies of the dead over to the Jordanian authorities.

SENSITIVE ZONE

The scene is in the Wadi Foukin area, where the Jordanian village of Husza and the Israeli village Mevo Baiter are separated by only a few hundred yards. It is one of the most sensitive of the armistice zones.

The investigation by United Nations observers was completed early this afternoon. Latest reports from Jerusalem say four Jordanian troops were killed and two wounded during the 20-minute exchange of fire near Baiter, in the Wadi Foukin area, about five miles from Jerusalem.

Eye-witness reports said the bodies were found by the investigators some 100 yards inside Israeli territory.

EMERGENCY MEETING

The Israeli-Jordanian Mixed Armistice Commission is expected to convene tomorrow to discuss the Israeli complaint against Jordan.

The Jordanian State Radio today reported that Jordan had filed a complaint and requested the Commission to hold an emergency meeting. The radio said the Israelis had fired on the Jordanian patrol across the armistice lines.—Reuter.

Russians Return British Soldiers

Berlin, Nov. 28.

Seven British soldiers, who voluntarily crossed into East Germany a week ago, including five who escaped from detention, have been returned by the Russian authorities, a British spokesman said last night.

The five who escaped from a British Army guardroom were handed over on Friday night and the other two who were on leave when they were absent, returned last night.

They joined the other five in close arrest. All seven are privates in the 1st Battalion of the Manchester Regiment stationed in Berlin.—China Mail Special.

Tram Motorman Fined \$20

Mr Thomas Tam fined a tram motorman at Central this morning \$20 or seven days for failing to bring his tram to a standstill when necessary to avoid impending danger.

The motorman, Yiu Fat-po of 75 Tai Nam Street, third floor, was alleged to have caused a collision between the front of his tram and the rear of a private car on Des Voeux Road Central near the junction of Pender Street about 1 p.m. on September 20.

Ceylon Premier Better

London, Nov. 28.

It was announced tonight that Sir John Kotelawala, Prime Minister of Ceylon, has recovered from the food poisoning which forced him to stay in bed.

Sir John cancelled arrangements to leave for the United States when he was stricken, but announced tonight that he would leave on Tuesday.—United Press.

TRUMAN'S FAITH IN RUSSIAN PEOPLE

'Free Government One Day'

Washington, Nov. 28.

Former President Mr Harry Truman predicted tonight that some day the Russians "will have a free government with which we can carry on relations and business just as we do with England and France."

But he said: "We can't very well live with Russia in peace with its present totalitarian Government."

If it came to war, he said, "I don't think Russia can ever be conquered, any more than the United States can be conquered."

Mr Truman gave his views in a filmed television interview with the columnist, Drew Pearson.

GOOD PEOPLE

Mr Truman said the Russians thought too highly of their country for it to be conquered. He said the Russians were "good people" and eventually would work out their difficulties just as the people of the United States, Britain and France had done. In the past "because the good people usually come out on top."

Mr Truman was asked whether, in view of Republican claims, that the Korean truce was a great Republican victory, he could have signed a truce before the 1952 election. He replied that he could have signed a truce "any time before that, several weeks before that, if I had been willing to agree

JOHN CLARKE'S
CASEBOOK

THE OLD SOLDIERS

TAKING a leaf from the books of many great men of business, Ben and Barney decided to cease from cut-throat competition, and instead go into partnership.

Begin! was their business. Their specialty, an old-soldier line.

In draughty doorways and on street corners they would stand, offering passers-by silvers of paper on which were printed a most poignant poem on the plight of heroes, themselves in particular, whom a thoughtless public chose to forget.

They dressed for the part, with ragged clothes and battered hats, gaping boots and stubbly chins, overdoing it rather, so that they looked as if they had fought through all the wars in history, and always on the losing side.

ACTION STATIONS

In many ways, the partnership was a success. Two pairs of eyes have advantages over one, when it comes to keeping a look-out for the police; and two men together suggest a comradeship born under fire, that has endured into the peace.

There are disadvantages, however. Two men are more conspicuous than one, more easily remembered. As Ben and Barney found the other evening.

They had taken to choosing as their action stations the doorways of a chain of restaurants and cafes, that belonged to the same company.

THEATRE OF WAR

THE sight became all too familiar to a man on the company's staff whose duties took him to several branches each evening.

Whenever he arrived at a cafe he found Barney and Ben, posed just within the precincts, as if they existed in triplicate or quadruplicate.

"I'll call the police," the restaurant man warned them. They smiled benignly, on him and moved on to another branch.

When Ben and Barney extended their theatre of war, and took to entering the restaurants and hawking their cad poems from table to table, the management's man decided the time had come to act.

He called a policeman, indicated Barney and Ben, and said: "I wish to give these men in charge," and told him why.

IT'S A FUNNY THING

A Bow Street next morning, Ben, a cheerful, stocky built man, 57 years old and with a boy's mischief in his eye, and Barney, taller and three years younger, pleaded not guilty to the charge of begging.

The story of the night before was told to Mr E. G. Robey, the magistrate, by a policeman, the restaurant man and a commissioner, and of every point it was challenged by Ben.

"This is a funny thing, this is," said Ben. "All these people saying they heard me outside the restaurant asking a soldier to spare an old soldier the price of a cup of tea."

"That's funny," the stipendiary. "Because I met this young soldier on a traffic island, where we was waiting to cross the road, just the two of us, no nobody could've heard nothing."

40 IN FOUR HOURS

"WHAT I did say to the soldier was, 'I'm it difficult to cross the road when the traffic's like this?'"

"Then there's another thing. They said my friends here was begging. From 7 o'clock till 11.30. Yet they only found 40 on him. Well, if that's begging, he'd better change his work."

He grinned at Barney, who smiled wanly back, as if unsure whether his partner was paying him a compliment or not. Ben stood down, Barney declined to speak, the case was found proved.

"Go to prison for one month each," said the magistrate. The two in the dock shrugged their shoulders, looked at each other, and then, sitting up, they began to sing a song about old soldiers.